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## Next phase of Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Capital Project receives LHIN Board endorsement

### NEWS

On Monday, the South East LHIN Board of Directors approved the Stage 1A Master Program proposal from Quinte Health Care (QHC) for the redevelopment of Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital (PECMH).

The proposal, which builds on the Pre-Capital Submission that was approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in January 2017, outlines the service delivery model and preliminary plans for the rebuilding of the hospital.

Significant planning and community engagement has been done to outline the proposed model for PECMH. As part of this vision, PECMH will continue to provide all services currently delivered at the hospital. Further, in order to meet the needs of the population, QHC is looking to enhance and evolve existing services and partnerships at PECMH to provide an integrated model of care for the residents of Prince Edward County.

A health care campus model also continues to be pursued with the Prince Edward Family Health Team, community clinics and community supports being co-located/adjacent to the new hospital.

The next phase of the capital process (1B) will include an evaluation of the current site, investigation of site options and a high-level space plan and cost estimate. The Stage 1B proposal will be provided directly to the MOHLTC for approval.

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### QUOTES:

“The South East LHIN recognizes the importance of a strong hospital in Prince Edward County and continues to be committed to seeing this project completed for the patients, families and residents of the region.”

- **Paul Huras, CEO South East LHIN**

“A new hospital for the residents of Prince Edward County remains QHC’s number one redevelopment priority. The current building has served us well for 50 years, but no longer meets today’s standards for hospital-based care. The support and involvement of the South

East LHIN in this project is a huge benefit to help move this through the many stages of the approval process.”

- **Mary Clare Egberts, CEO Quinte Health Care**

### **QUICK FACTS:**

- Health care partners re-launched efforts to build a new hospital in May, 2014
- The South East LHIN Board of Directors endorsed QHC’s pre-capital submission in January, 2015. The submission was approved by the MOHLTC in January, 2017.
- PECMH is a 12-bed hospital offering 24-hour emergency room services, inpatient care for patients, Acute Care for the Elderly beds, diagnostic services, outpatient procedures and efficient access to other QHC hospitals.
- The "Prince Edward County Hospital" was incorporated on April 6, 1918. It was officially opened as a nine-bed hospital with an operating room in the George Alcorn House on Hill Street in Picton on April 17, 1919. Having grown to a 58-bed hospital, it was moved to its present location, was renamed "Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital" and was officially opened and dedicated on October 14, 1959.
- The hospital became known as "Quinte Health Care Prince Edward County Memorial" upon the amalgamation of the hospitals in Bancroft, Belleville, Picton, and Trenton in November 1998.

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