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## **South East LHIN Board endorses Stage 1 submission for development of Trenton Community Health Hub**

### **NEWS**

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors have endorsed the Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre (BQWCHC) Stage 1, Community Health Capital Programs application, for the development of a Community Health Hub. This endorsement also confirms BQWCHC as the lead organization for the project.

The Stage 1 application builds on the work done by the Trenton Memorial Hospital Implementation Task Force, which identified an implementation plan for a Community Health Hub to support the vision for health services in the Brighton and Quinte West region. The Hub will include primary care, health promotion, addictions and mental health service, community support services and care coordination services, creating an integrated and patient-centred system of care. The endorsement of the Stage 1 application marks an important milestone in making this vision a reality.

Upon review of the application, the South East LHIN Board determined that the Stage 1 application aligns with the identified needs to support current regional and provincial priorities. Moreover, the South East LHIN Board continues to endorse BQWCHC as the lead organization for the development of this health hub. It is important to note, this planning will be aligned with the capital redevelopment of the Community Health Centre (CHC) that is currently underway, allowing the CHC to be the anchor for the health hub.

This LHIN endorsement allows the development the Trenton Community Health Hub to proceed to the Health Capital Investment Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. If the Ministry approves the application, the organizations will proceed to develop a business case. The organisation is currently working to confirm a site for the proposed hub.

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## QUOTES

“We are pleased to endorse the Stage 1 application for capital submission and see this process continuing to move forward. The commitment to creating this Community Health Hub is strong and the work done to get to this point has been incredible. This hub will help provide more effective, integrated and better accessible health care services to meet the various needs of the community – where and when they need it. ”  
*-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN*

“I’m pleased to see continued support and the dedication from many partners for this important project. This endorsement means we can move ahead and also brings us one step closer to making our vision of a collaborative health hub a reality.”  
*-Lou Rinaldi, MPP Northumberland-Quinte West*

## Quick Facts

- The development of the new community health hub was recommended by a task force made up of representatives from local health care service providers and the community.
- A community hub refers to many services offered in a single location to serve multiple or complex needs.
- In 2015, the Province adopted Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan to support community hubs across Ontario
- In July, the South East LHIN submitted the final Trenton Memorial Hospital Implementation Task Force (chaired by Mr. Glenn Rainbird) report to the MOHLTC, recommending the co-location of community services to create an easily accessible, coordinated system of care.

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