

Building Health Care in PEC

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Hospital Redevelopment Clears First Hurdle

The project to build a new hospital for Prince Edward County has now passed its first significant milestone. In mid-December 2014, the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors approved the Pre-Capital Submission for rebuilding PECMH. This approval is the first step in the lengthy approval process to build a new hospital in Ontario.

“This is a major step in the process,” said Paul Huras, CEO of the LHIN. “It officially puts PECMH onto the radar of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) as a hospital that needs redevelopment.”

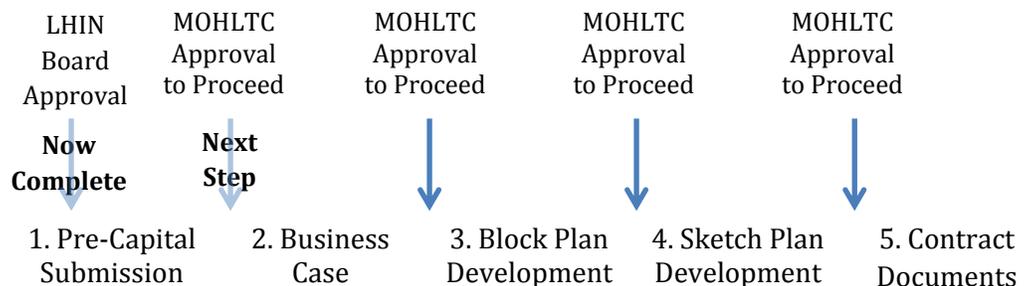
The Project Partners are now focused on finalizing the Stage 1 Business Case that can be submitted to the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care in spring 2015.

The Business Case will be a comprehensive document that makes the case of why a new hospital is needed in Prince Edward County, including the functional issues with the current building; and the population and health care trends looking 30 years

out. The lengthy document will also detail the estimated costs, amount of required space, a range of options and a recommendation, and the community support for fundraising.

“We are very pleased to have this project start to move forward with the support of the LHIN Board,” said Katherine Stansfield, QHC Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. “We feel strongly that a new hospital would provide important benefits to the people of Prince Edward County, including easier access to a wide-range of primary care services close-to-home; greater efficiency for the health care system; improved patient satisfaction; and even better recruitment and retention of all health care professionals.”

Physician recruitment would continue to be supported by the ongoing partnership with the Queen’s Faculty of Health Sciences as part of their training for Family Medicine Residents.



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FAQ: What services would be available in a new hospital?

In the business case that is under development, the hospital would include a 24-hour emergency department, inpatient beds, diagnostic services and space for ambulatory (outpatient) clinics and procedures. Since the redevelopment planning is still in the early stages, details such as the number of inpatient beds or the location of the hospital have not yet been determined.

In addition, the project partners envision that the new hospital would be part of a larger “health care campus” that would also include wide range of primary care services accessible through



one location. This could include various community support services, perhaps even a long-term care facility.

FAQ: How will the QHC financial challenges impact the new hospital project?

All the project partners, including Quinte Health Care and the LHIN, remain committed to completing the new hospital business case and meeting all the milestones of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approval process to build a new hospital in Prince Edward County.

Provincial funding for capital projects, such as new hospital buildings, is separate from provincial funding for annual operating budgets and therefore not impacted by the financial situation at Quinte Health Care.

Three years ago, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care implemented a new funding formula for hospitals like QHC in order to address the provincial deficit and to reinvest more money into other health care providers in the community. In response, QHC is proactively addressing a \$12 million financial gap between anticipated revenues and current expenses for the fiscal year 2015/16.



“All health care providers must evolve to keep up with the changing needs of a population that is becoming more elderly and with more complex health care conditions,” said Mary Clare Egberts, QHC President & CEO. “We need to make the available tax dollars for health care go further and create a more connected system where patients can easily move between different care providers to receive the care they need in the most appropriate place. We continue to feel that the plans we have developed for PECMH would allow us to better meet the changing health care needs of the community, in a more efficient and patient-friendly physical environment.”