



Partners Confirm Commitment to Build a New Hospital in Prince Edward County

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NEWS

Local health care partners have officially re-launched their efforts to build a new hospital in Prince Edward County.

At a celebration event held in Picton today, Quinte Health Care (QHC), the Prince Edward Family Health Team (PEFHT) and the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) announced they have been working together to submit a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a new hospital in Prince Edward County at Picton. This has been made possible through funding support from the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Together the partners are creating a plan for a new hospital building that will be part of a health care “campus” along with a new Family Health Team building. The campus would provide access to a wide range of primary care services in one location – family physicians, nurse practitioners, outpatient clinics, an emergency room, inpatient beds and community support services – creating a more efficient system of care that is responsive to the needs of patients and their families.

Although QHC and the PEFHT had previously been planning for a fully integrated care model with the hospital and PEFHT together in one building, the partners have now agreed to proceed with a co-located model where the hospital building and the family health team building would be on the same property. This updated business case allows the construction of a new PEFHT building to proceed on a faster timeline.

The next step is for the planning team to update the business case for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care review and approval process. The team will provide regular updates to the community throughout the planning process.

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“The current PECMH building has served the County well for many decades. It’s now time to start planning for a strong future for our hospital in a new building that would be part of a health care campus in Picton. This would provide better access to a wide range of primary health care

services, enhance the patient experience and help us to recruit and retain valued health care professionals.”

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

"Building a new hospital in Picton is the best way to ensure that we continue to have a hospital in The County. The physicians will be actively engaged in the design process to create a facility that will meet the needs of this community long into the future. The Prince Edward Family Health Team is also aiming to move to a new building located right next to the new hospital. Collocation will make it even easier for us to pursue our innovative community based healthcare initiatives."

- **Dr. Elizabeth Christie, President, Prince Edward Family Health Team**

"The South East LHIN recognizes that the Prince Edward County community requires a strong hospital to support the needs of the population and it is with this announcement that we are re-affirming our commitment to ensuring patients, families, and residents of Prince Edward County have access to the right care they need at the right time and in the right place’

- **Paul Huras, CEO, South East Local Health Integration Network**

"In the effort to bring a new hospital to the County, we are all in this together, and we've all got to pull in the same direction...and that direction is forward. Good quality, accessible health care is the glue that keeps a community together and thriving."

- **Leo Finnegan, President, Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation**

"The Auxiliary is committed to supporting a new hospital in PEC, with financial resources and volunteer energy, over the next decades. Auxiliary volunteers have worked in the two previous buildings and are excited to be part of the planning and construction of a county hospital to meet the needs of the future. Over the past 80 years, the Auxiliary has contributed more than \$2M to our hospital, and now we're ready to raise \$1 million for the future."

- **Peggy Payne, President, Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary**

"Today is the first step in building a strong future for The County's new hospital. This hospital will be more than a place to receive medical care – it will be a cornerstone of our community. Planning and building a new hospital is no small task and I urge residents and community groups to show continued support for this important project. We are all in this together."

- **Mayor Peter Mertens, Municipality of Prince Edward County**

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BACKGROUND – REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Project Partners

- Quinte Health Care
- Prince Edward Family Health Team
- South East Local Health Integration Network
- Municipality of Prince Edward County
- Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Co-Location Proposal

- The health care partners are planning for a new hospital building that would be co-located with a new Family Health Team building on the same property as part of a “health care campus” in Picton. The campus would provide access for the people of Prince Edward County to a wide range of primary care services in one location – family physicians, nurse practitioners, outpatient clinics, an emergency room, inpatient beds and community support services – creating a more efficient system of care that is responsive to the needs of patients and their families.

Benefits of a New Hospital

- The potential benefits for Prince Edward County residents would be easier access to a wide-range of primary care services close-to-home; greater efficiency for the health care system; improved patient satisfaction; and a healthier community. A new hospital would also enhance the recruitment efforts of all health care professionals.

New Build

- The team is recommending that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care build a new hospital on a greenfield site because of: the cost of redeveloping versus building new; the condition of the current building utilities; and the clinical impact of dealing with many years of construction in a fully functioning hospital.
- The current hospital was built more than 50 years ago and does not meet today’s standards for building codes, infection control or delivering hospital based care. In addition, a new building will allow for many additional benefits to the patients, staff and physicians, such as a bathroom in every patient room.

Project Funding

- For any hospital redevelopment project in Ontario, the Ministry of Health covers 90% of the construction costs. The remaining 10% of the construction and ancillary costs, plus 100% of the equipment costs must come from local community fundraising.
- The planning partners are grateful to the PECMH Foundation and the PECMH Auxiliary for providing the necessary funding to complete the business case and master planning process.

Next Steps

- The partners are now meeting regularly to update the business plan for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Once finalized, the business case will be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to work through the approval process and enter the queue of Ontario hospitals waiting for redevelopment.

BACKGROUND – PROJECT PARTNERS

Quinte Health Care

Quinte Health Care has 1,800 staff members and 320 medical staff who provide a wide range of high quality health care services to a region of 160,000 residents. Care is provided through four hospitals – QHC Belleville General Hospital, QHC North Hastings Hospital, QHC Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital and QHC Trenton Memorial Hospitals – and includes inpatient services, four emergency departments, operating rooms at three sites, a rehabilitation day hospital, children's treatment centre, ambulatory care clinics, community mental health programs and a range of diagnostic services.

Prince Edward Family Health Team

The Prince Edward Family Health Team (PEFHT) is one of 200 Family Health Teams across Ontario, which opened as part of an Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care initiative aimed at improving access to primary health care professionals in Ontario. Our family health team provides a single point of access to health care services for all County residents. 21 County family physicians and their office staff, plus clinical and administrative staff of the PEFHT form the team. We are affiliated with a number of specialists and work closely with community service provider organisations. Our interdisciplinary team provides comprehensive patient-centred, primary health care including disease diagnosis, treatment and management, prevention and cure, rehabilitation, palliative care and community health promotion.

South East Local Health Integration Network

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is one of 14 networks established in the province to transform the way the health care system meets the needs of people across Ontario. The South East region extends from Brighton on the west to Prescott and Cardinal on the east, north to Perth and Smiths Falls, and back to Bancroft. The South East LHIN is responsible for planning, funding, and monitoring the performance of a spectrum of health care programs and services that are provided through our Health Service Providers.

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation

The Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation (PECMHF) is an independent, charitable organization governed by a board of 11 community volunteers. Established in 1985, the Foundation's mission is to encourage and co-ordinate a continuing high level of support for the hospital through donations from individuals, corporations and local organizations. The Foundation has raised more than \$5 million in PEC in the last decade to purchase equipment such as the new digital mammography and ultrasound equipment for the diagnostic imaging department, vital signs monitors, defibrillators, electrocardiography (ECG) machine and most recently funds to purchase Telemetry (heart monitoring) equipment.

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Incorporated

For over 80 years, the PECMH Auxiliary has been providing assistance to patients and their families. In 2013, over 260 members and volunteers donated more than 23,000 hours of service to the Auxiliary. The volunteer Board of 11 members supports the in-hospital services, the community activities and the fund-raising enterprises. There are 20 volunteer managers and 4 volunteer treasurers who ensure the smooth running of the Auxiliary programs. Besides assisting the Foundation with donations of major equipment to the hospital, (i.e. digital imaging and cardiac monitor upgrades), the Auxiliary has purchased a vein finder, contributed to a bladder scanner and helped the staff with renovations of their staff room. Over the years, these small and large donations have added to over \$2 million in contributions to our community hospital.

BACKGROUND – HISTORY OF QHC PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The first step toward establishing a hospital in Prince Edward County was taken by a community organization, the Sir Thomas Picton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. In June of 1908 the members agreed to contribute money toward this project. Many other groups and individuals joined in this effort.



The "Prince Edward County Hospital" was incorporated on April 6, 1918. It was officially opened in the George Alcorn House on Hill Street in Picton on April 17, 1919. Having outgrown that building, the hospital 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 QHC Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital upon the amalgamation of the hospitals in Bancroft, Belleville, Picton, and Trenton in November 1998.

Today, QHC Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital is a community hospital offering:

- Inpatient care, including palliative care
- 24-hour Emergency Department
- Diagnostic Imaging (x-ray, mammography and ultrasound)
- Outpatient clinics including lumps and bumps, transfusions, colonoscopy, endoscopy and gastroscopy
- Echocardiograms (ECG) services
- Renal Dialysis Clinic - satellite clinic offered by Kingston General Hospital
- Family Health Team Visiting Clinics



In November 2013, PECMH staff and physicians were recognized for the outstanding service they provide to patients. A report by the National Research Corporation and the Ontario Hospital Association, named the PECMH inpatient unit as the top community hospital in Ontario for patient satisfaction with their overall care. The PECMH Emergency Department was also ranked in the top 10% of Ontario hospitals for patient satisfaction with their overall care.