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QUINTE HEALTH CARE BELLEVILLE GENERAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Quinte Health Care (QHC) consists of four fully accredited hospitals, serving more than 150,000 residents of Prince Edward and Hastings Counties. The hospitals include QHC Belleville General, QHC North Hastings, QHC Prince Edward County Memorial and QHC Trenton Memorial.

The 214-bed QHC Belleville General facility currently provides primary and secondary care and offers a full range of clinical and diagnostic services, a 24-hour-a-day emergency department, support services and outreach programs.

Quinte Health Care Redevelopment, Phase I

Phase I of the Quinte Health Care redevelopment will modernize and increase the capacity of Quinte Health Care Belleville General with the addition of a new six-story wing (Sills Wing). The new addition will accommodate the relocation and expansion of the complex continuing care and rehabilitation units, new facilities for the Children's Treatment Centre, and a small addition to expand the Intensive Care Unit.



Overall, the hospital's capacity will increase by 36 per cent, from 214 beds to a total of 291 beds. This includes a 40 per cent increase in ICU beds, a 100 per cent increase in complex continuing care beds and an 88 per cent increase in acute rehabilitation beds.

The renovation and expansion project will include:

- more than 155,000 square feet of new construction, increasing the existing hospital size by 35 per cent;

- the renovation of 22,000 square feet, resulting in 177,000 square feet of total redeveloped space; and
- a number of design measures to support responsible energy/environmental design, including heat recovery, variable speed systems, building/shell systems and computerized controls.

In future phases, Quinte Health Care plans to redevelop the emergency department, hospital laboratory, surgical suites and medical and mental health units at Quinte Health Care Belleville General.

Construction of Phase I began in March 2007.