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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place Hospital Optimistic About Redevelopment Project

After months of planning, CPDMH submitted its business case at the end of April asking the Ministry of Health and Long – term Care to approve the building of a new hospital at the intersection on Maple Lane and Lake Ave East.

“When we held a community consultation session on April 2 we asked the community to tell us what they wanted to do and a new building on a new site, was clearly the community’s preference,” stated Mike Gagne. “The good news is that on the new site, the hospital has the ability to grow to meet future healthcare needs of the community in 10, 20 and even 50 years from now.”

The proposed new facility is estimated to cost \$86 million, with the Ministry investing \$69 million in the new facility and the community being required to raise the remaining \$17 million. Recognizing the importance of the hospital to the community, the Town of Carleton Place and Township of Beckwith have come forward to support the project and have jointly donated the land for the new hospital as well as a combine financial pledge of \$5 million.

“Part of the business case submission was to demonstrate that raising the community’s share of the funds was possible and having this commitment from Carleton Place and Beckwith gave the project a lot of credibility,” continued Gagne. “We really appreciate their support and on behalf of the community I would like to thank both municipalities for their commitment.”

If the project is approved the hospital is hoping to develop a ‘health village’ by accommodating other healthcare partners in a separate building near the new site of the hospital. The partners building would be privately built and is considered separate from the hospital’s submission. The idea would be the first of its kind in Ontario and has received interest from approximately 18 other health care providers in the area.

“This is a very exciting time for us and we know that we have presented a strong case to the Ministry for a new hospital,” continued Mr. Gagne. “We are very optimistic regarding approval and hopefully we will have the necessary approvals to move to the next stage of the process at the end of the summer.”

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