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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Redevelopment Update: We're Still Waiting...

It has been over a year since the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) submitted its business case to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to build a new facility. Hospital representatives are still waiting to hear if the proposal has been approved to advance to the next detailed planning stage.

“MOHLTC staff have recommended our project to the Provincial Cabinet for the first of two Cabinet approvals throughout the process. That is great news for us. However, we are now waiting for Cabinet’s decision. Until we get that approval we cannot take the project further”, stated Malcolm Robinson, CEO of CPDMH. “I know this is frustrating for the community, as it is for us, but rest assured we have done all we can at this point.”

At the end of 2008, CPDMH was informed by the Ministry that while the proposal was accepted as it was submitted, the Hospital needed endorsement from the Board of Directors of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to move the project forward. Hospital representatives presented its case to the LHIN Board in January and received a formal endorsement of the project during the LHIN’s next Board meeting on February 25. This endorsement was then communicated to the MOHLTC.

“We are still very hopeful that we’ll get the green light to go to the next planning stage by the end of the summer. Then we can develop the detailed Functional Program plan and prepare for the fundraising needed to cover the community’s share of the project,” continued Mr. Robinson. “We had really hoped that we would have some news by now, but unfortunately these projects move along very slowly. However, when we do receive word, we will share it with the community.”

If approved, the new hospital will be located at the intersection of Maple Lane and Lake Ave East. The project is estimated to cost \$86 million, with the MOHLTC investing \$69 million in the new facility and the community being required to raise the remaining \$17 million.

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