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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Redevelopment Update

With the submission of CPDMH's Redevelopment Business Case in April 2008, the community has been anxiously waiting for a sign from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that a new hospital may become a reality very soon.

"We are in regular contact with the Ministry. They have advised that our Business Case is complete as submitted, and needs no further clarification. However, we needed an endorsement from the Board of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network in order for it to have a chance of advancing further," stated Malcolm Robinson, Hospital CEO. "We already had a letter of support from the CEO of the LHIN, Dr. Rob Cushman, and a formal presentation to the Board as a whole was made on January 28."

During its presentation, CPDMH asked the Board to endorse its proposal for a new hospital and designate the project as a priority for the LHIN.

"We hope the Board will recognize that this is an important project for our community and more importantly decide that the project is a priority for the LHIN," continued Mr. Robinson. "We have an amazing staff who provide exceptional care to the community in our current facility. But no-one would seriously argue the fact that we need a new facility."

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 Ministry investing \$69 million in the new facility and the community being required to raise the remaining \$17 million.

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