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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place Hospital Most Efficient Hospital in Ontario – AGAIN!

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“The past year had brought many changes to our hospital however I am thrilled to see that our ability to provide quality care to the community in a very efficient manner has remained constant,” stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. “I’m very proud that our hospital has been recognized for the second year in a row as the most efficient hospital in Ontario and I would like to thank everyone associated with CPDMH for making this accomplishment possible.”

Efficiency is measured by the difference between expected and actual cost per weighted case. The expected cost is determined by the Ministry and is set at what it should cost to deliver one weighted case. The actual cost per weighted case is the result of dividing the total number of weighted cases by the total expenditures of the hospital. The term ‘weighted case’ refers to a value given to all the procedures and visits and represents the amount of resources needed to do the work needed for patient treatment. The values are assigned by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

CPDMH’s expected cost per case was \$4,266 and its actual cost was \$2,819. This is \$1,447 lower than the expected cost and an overall difference of minus 33.9%. In comparing all hospital in Ontario, CPDMH has the lowest actual cost per weighted case and the greatest percentage difference between expected cost and actual cost.

In addition to being the most efficient hospital in Ontario, CPDMH was recently recognized as high performing in three areas of the Hospital Report 2007 - *Patient Satisfaction* and *Financial Performance and Condition* in Emergency Department Care and *System Integration and Change* within Acute Care.

“Being recognized as the most efficient hospital in the Province for the third time in six years is fantastic, especially after receiving the news of our outstanding performance in the 2007 Hospital Report”, stated David Somppi, Chair of CPDMH Board of Trustees. “I would like to thank the hospital staff for making this possible. These results are further evidence that the CPDMH team are both highly motivated and skilled. This sustained high level of performance will be very helpful as we work with the Ministry to expedite approval of our redevelopment plans.”

While CPDMH was recognized as the most efficient hospital in the province, the facility is one of the oldest hospitals in Ontario and has serious issues related to the building’s layout and infrastructure.

The hospital was designed to accommodate the needs of inpatients and with the shift to ambulatory care, the hospital continues to experience serious problems related to patient flow and accessibility. As a result, earlier this year the Board submitted a proposal to the Ministry outlining a summary of the issues and associated risks of our current building

In July of this year, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, George Smitherman, approved CPDMH's proposal for redevelopment and provided the hospital with a \$750,000 grant to help develop the best approach for CPDMH's future. The hospital is now working on the preparing a Business Case, the second phase of the redevelopment process.

The Business Case includes a Master Program (a detailed assessment of needs and cost of the project), a Master Plan (the architectural design and layout of the new facility) and a feasibility study to determine how the community will raise its share of the project cost. A component of the Business Case will also involve presenting three possible alternatives to the Ministry for redevelopment. This includes the redevelopment of the current building, a new building on the current site or a new building on a new site

“We are cautiously optimistic as we move through the stages of the redevelopment and we hope the Ministry will understand that our hospital must undergo changes if we are going to continue providing quality health care to our growing community”, continued Mr. Gagne. “As we become more involved in the development of our Business Case and the options that are available to us, we will be communicating our progress to the community.”

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