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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Hospital CEO Impressed and Optimistic

Malcolm Robinson, the new CEO of the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH), is very impressed with the way the hospital provides such excellent care to the people it serves within a facility in such need of replacement.

“The staff, physicians, and volunteers of CPDMH are an amazing group of people who rise above the deficiencies of the building they work in, and put patients first in all their efforts. I am proud to join them as the hospital’s CEO,” stated Mr. Robinson.

An early focus has been to get up to speed with the Business Case submitted by the Board of Trustees to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in April. It proposes a new hospital at the intersection of Lake Avenue



Malcolm Robinson (right), CPDMH's new CEO, with Darlene Mitchell, the Hospital's AED of Support Services and CFO

and Maple Lane. It would substantially increase the space in the Emergency Department, the Ambulatory Care Unit and the Operating Suite. It would add inpatient beds, and address current deficiencies such as having to go through the Emergency Department to get to the Operating Room. The estimated cost is \$86 million with the community responsible for raising \$17 million. The Hospital Foundation is keen to get busy once we have the green light.

“The redevelopment project is very important to our community. We don’t yet have government approval to move the project forward to the next stage,” continued Mr.

Robinson. “The Board is working hard to secure that approval, and in the meantime we will continue to offer the best possible care to our patients in the facilities we have, optimistic that approval to redevelop will come.”

As well as getting to know the hospital, Malcolm has met with many community agencies which also deliver health-related services to the catchment area. “The hospital is one piece of the local health system, albeit a large one, but many other vital agencies exist to meet the needs of our community. To be ‘the communities’ leading partner in the provision of integrated healthcare services’ is the hospital’s vision, and my goal is to work with other agencies to help make the overall system as effective as possible.”

In support of this vision a ‘Health Village’ separate from the hospital is being explored to bring multiple healthcare partners together under one roof as a “one-stop health shopping centre.” Approximately 18 health-related agencies are exploring this, with new ones coming to the table almost every week.

Mr. Robinson became the CEO of CPDMH in July following the retirement of Mike Gagné. He was the CEO of The Salvation Army Grace Hospital in Ottawa from 1992 to 1999. More recently he was the Executive Director of *BethanyKids* which offers surgery to children with disabilities in East Africa.

As a result of his work with The Grace Hospital, Malcolm received a Community Service Award in May 2000 from the Ontario Medical Association 'in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the health and welfare of the people of Ottawa.' Malcolm has travelled throughout Canada as well as the United Kingdom, India, Singapore and Kenya working in the fields of health and social services. His wife, Barbara, is an Anglican priest. They have three adult children – Jonathan, Laura and Ian.

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