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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital  
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**Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Assessing Possible Sites for New Facility**

At the Jan 15th 2008 Policy Review Committee meeting of the Carleton Place's Town Council, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, David Somppi and the Hospital CEO, Mike Gagné, asked Council to identify potential sites for a new hospital.

"We are still in the planning stages of a possible redevelopment and are currently weighing the option of redeveloping and expanding our current building, building a new hospital on our existing site or building a new hospital on a new site", stated Mr. Somppi. "However, in order for this process to move forward we are asking the Council of Carleton Place for their assistance in determining potential sites for a new hospital so we can better assess the costs associated with that option."

In July 2007, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, George Smitherman, approved CPDMH's proposal for redevelopment and provided the hospital with a planning grant to help develop the best approach for CPDMH's future. With this funding, the first stage of the planning process is well underway and the hospital has formed a Redevelopment Committee made up of board and staff members from the hospital, mayors and/or council members from Carleton Place, Beckwith and Mississippi Mills as well as other community representatives. Expert consultants in the fields of hospital planning and operations, hospital design/ construction and hospital construction costing have also been retained to help the Redevelopment Committee through the planning process.

Public consultations are planned for early March and the resultant Business Plan, outlining the hospital's preferred option, should be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care by the end of March. The alternative development plans considered during the planning process will be submitted as supporting information. If development on a new site within Carleton Place proves to be the best option for CPDMH, it may permit the hospital to develop a "health campus" involving other health related organizations.

"As we move through this process we are trying to consider what would best suit the health care needs of our residents today and well into the future", continued Mr. Somppi. "We know the current location is ideal to many of our residents however it would be careless of us if we didn't explore all the options available to us."

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