

For Immediate Release

February 26, 2009

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

LHIN endorses plan to build a new hospital in Carleton Place

The plan to build a new Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is one step closer to becoming a reality. The Board of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) endorsed the project at its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday February 25 and will communicate the LHIN's support to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOHLTC).

"The endorsement of our project by the LHIN is very good news for us", stated Malcolm D. Robinson, CEO of CPDMH. "Other approvals from the MOHLTC are needed before our new hospital is built. However now that the LHIN is behind the project, we have made a very important step forward."

CPDMH submitted its business case for redevelopment to the MOHLTC in April 2008 and needed an official endorsement from the LHIN Board to move the project forward. Hospital representatives presented its case to the LHIN Board in January.

With the endorsement from the LHIN Board, the hospital will be seeking approval from the MOHLTC to proceed to the next stage in the planning process which is a detailed functional plan.

When 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.

-30-

Contact: Chantelle Troy, Manager/Community Relations Officer 613-257-2200 ext 856
e-mail: ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com