

CPDMH's New Emergency Department

Q&A Fact Sheet

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The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, visited CPDMH on October 28, 2016 to announce a new Emergency Department for patients and families in Carleton Place, Beckwith and surrounding communities.

- **Tell me more about the new Emergency Department**

A new, larger Emergency Department, linked to the hospital, will address current space challenges and enhance infection control standards.

- **What happens next?**

CPDMH is now at the second of five stages set out by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Stage 2 is called Functional Planning. It outlines the functions, operations, staffing, major equipment, funding and space requirements for the new space.

- **How long will it take?**

The process of planning and construction will take several years. Once the Ministry approves Stage 2, there are three more stages: preliminary design; working drawings; and tender approval. This process will take up to three years.

- **Who is involved in the planning?**

Planning is being led by the Capital Projects Committee of the Board. The committee includes community members with expertise in health care, architecture and construction.

- **Will others be involved?**

Yes. Throughout the planning stages, input will be sought from patients, neighbours, the community, staff, volunteers and physicians.

- **Do additional funds need to be raised?**

Yes. The CPDMH Foundation is planning a fundraising campaign. The exact goal has not been finalized. The CPDMH Auxiliary will also be raising funds for the project. Money raised will be used for building and equipment costs. The Foundation and Auxiliary do not raise funds for operating or staffing costs.

The Foundation and Auxiliary will continue to fundraise for ongoing CPDMH equipment needs, including equipment that will be used in the future ER.

- **What about renovations to the rest of the hospital?**

Ongoing maintenance is essential to having a building environment that supports the highest quality of care and patient safety. CPDMH has a five-year facility renewal plan which identifies many necessary investments in the hospital's infrastructure. Improvements to date include accessible washrooms, improved air conditioning systems and updated electrical and plumbing systems.

Every year, the Ministry of Health announces one-time capital funding to local hospitals to support building infrastructure improvements. In 2016/17 CPDMH received just over \$1 million of Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Funding (HIRF). This money is being used for the replacement of the roof and a new boiler.

- **What about the other proposal for a new hospital?**

The Ministry has deferred CPDMH's proposal for a new hospital as part of a Health Village. CPDMH and the Ministry will continue to work together on long-term health care planning to meet the future needs of our local communities.

- **What else is happening at CPDMH?**

The CPDMH Board of Directors is renewing the organization's strategic plan to set a path for the future. Over the coming months, members of the hospital family and the community will have an opportunity to provide input into the planning process. The Board will also be looking at additional ways to work with Almonte General Hospital, which is also working on a new strategic plan. The new Emergency Department provides an opportunity to look at other options for the existing space and the strategic plan process will inform those decisions.

Our focus on our patients has not changed and we are always looking for better ways to provide care. We continue to introduce new programs and initiatives. For example:

- Our new digital x-ray equipment has just been installed, providing state-of-the-art, safer care.
- New technology such as single-sign on procedures for care providers gives immediate access to vital information without the need for repeatedly typing usernames and passwords – meaning they spend less time with technology and more time with patients.
- Virtual access to specialists via telemedicine has increased significantly, allowing local residents to connect with specialists in other locations.
- We were the second hospital in the region to go live with a new Patient Care System, to allow nurses to complete all documentation at the bedside and to allow other health care providers to access patient information all in one place.
- We have additional Ministry funding to expand our physiotherapy program.
- We have a geriatrician on-site one day a week and share a pediatrician with other local hospitals.

- **How can I keep informed about the Emergency Department project?**

The latest project details can be found on the Redevelopment page of the CPDMH website at www.cpdmh.ca. Anyone with questions or concerns is also encouraged to contact Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO at 613-253-3825 or mwilsontrider@cpdmh.ca

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