

CPDMH's New Emergency Department Q&A Fact Sheet

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

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, former 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.

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

The new Emergency Department is being planned with 11 treatment spaces, which is an increase of 5 (83%) over the current ED. A waiting area for patients arriving by ambulance is also being planned. Currently they wait in the hallway. There will be a private family room inside the ED and more washrooms.

The new Emergency Department will allow us to address the deficiencies in our current Operating Room, Recovery Room and Central Sterile Reprocessing areas (the "Surgical Suite") and bring them up to current standards. Planning for this project has already begun.

▪ **What happens next?**

CPDMH is now at the second of five stages, mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Stage 2 is called Functional Programming and outlines the functions, operations, staffing, major equipment, funding and room and space requirements for the new space. It is a thorough process that ensures we plan carefully and use health care dollars wisely. The Functional Program was submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in March 2018. We have received some additional questions and are currently working on those.

▪ **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 approximately three years. Our goal is to start construction in early 2020, with the official opening in late 2021 or early 2022.

- **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. We are involving all stakeholders. Throughout the planning stages, input will be sought from staff, physicians, volunteers, patient family advisors, patients, neighbours and the community

- **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 capital and equipment costs. The Foundation and Auxiliary do not raise funds for operating or staffing costs.

The Foundation and Auxiliary will also 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?**

It is essential to have 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. Ongoing improvements to the existing hospital continue, thanks to funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Fund. Recent projects include accessible washrooms, improved air conditioning systems, updated electrical and plumbing systems, a new roof and better lighting.

- **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?**

CPDMH has developed a joint strategic plan in conjunction with Almonte General Hospital. Each hospital Board is determining its own future path, as well as looking at additional ways to work

together. 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 provides 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 electronic 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.
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- **How can I keep informed about the Emergency Department project?**
The latest details on the project 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