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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PLANNING OFF TO A GOOD START IN 2022

Planning during a pandemic isn't easy, but the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) team is committed to building a new state-of-the-art Emergency Department to care for our local communities. 2022 has just begun and already, the next set of planning documents has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

"We are in stage four of a five-stage project," explains Randy Shaw, Integrated Vice President of Corporate Support Services and Capital Projects. "Stage 4 is the pre-construction phase which includes working drawings and contract documents to go to tender."

On January 14th, the Stage 4.1 Working Drawings and Specifications design work documents were submitted to the Ministry. These detailed documents include architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, civil, and landscaping designs.

This work was accomplished through a collaborative process to complete a detailed review of the design, layouts of all rooms, and the final locations of equipment and accessories. As part of this review, lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic have been incorporated into the new design.

"Both internal and community stakeholders have been consulted and we are grateful for their excellent advice and insights," adds Randy Shaw.

Upon Ministry approval, the project will move to the tendering stage. To help prepare for that, a Request for Prequalification Proposals for interested General Contractors and Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors has been issued.

The new ED will be linked to the hospital and will address current space challenges and enhance infection control standards. It includes 11 treatment spaces, which is an increase of five (or 83%) over the current ED. The new ED is being designed to improve patient flow for both walk-in patients, as well as patients arriving by ambulance. It includes barrier-free entrances for patients and ambulances. There will be a private family room inside the ED and more washrooms. Additional parking will also be provided.

The CPDMH Foundation has launched its \$4 million comprehensive fundraising campaign for the new ED and needed patient care equipment for the hospital.



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