

Keeping you informed on progress and plans for the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project. Brought to you by the Project Management Office.

Project Vision

Create a state-of-the-art treatment and healing environment for all of those who we care for; a supportive workplace with the latest technologies to allow all of our staff to provide the most efficient and highest quality care, in a new hospital that supports wellbeing and has the capacity to provide timely, patient and family-centred care for generations to come.

Welcome to the first edition of the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project **PMO Report!** This monthly newsletter from the planning team will include project highlights and updates as well as information about upcoming events and any opportunities for you to get involved in the process.

We are excited to kick off our first report by telling you Stage 2 planning is well underway for the project.

Work on Stage 2 started last year, immediately following the funding announcement from Premier Doug Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliott. In January, after surveying the staff and community, Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) released a project vision and set of design principles that will guide decision-making throughout the planning process.

In addition, 40 User Groups met for the first time to start developing a functional program - the first part of Stage 2 planning.

About Stage 2 Planning

The New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project is now in Stage 2 of the construction planning phase for this state-of-the-art facility. This stage involves the creation of a “functional program” and “block schematic plans” for the new hospital.

The functional program is a planning document that describes the future services, activity volumes, staffing levels, new technologies, and space requirements.

The final document will provide details on every room in the new hospital; details such as what each room will be used for and where it will need to be located – including what rooms and services it should be closest to – in order to provide the best possible experience for patients and staff. Essentially, it will be a by-the-program list of hospital spaces.

The functional program will take about 6 months to complete.

Following this, a design team of architects and engineers will take the functional program and turn it into a set of “block-schematic drawings” outlining how all rooms, departments and services, can be organized in the hospital - both vertically and horizontally.

The goal is to have the functional program, the block schematic drawings and early cost estimates ready to submit to the Ministry of Health by next spring.



Members of the Emergency Department User Group were happy to discuss the future of Emergency Care during their first Functional Program Planning meeting

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BY THE NUMBERS

978

Submissions received for the vision & design principle survey from staff and community members

40

User Group meetings held this month

166

User Group members from different hospital programs and services involved in the process

17

Patient/Community Representatives participating in the User Groups

4½

Years until ground breaking if all goes well

Developing a Functional Program

In January, 40 User Groups representing different programs and services in the hospital met virtually with experts from Agnew Peckham Health Care Planning Consultants (AP), to start working on the functional program.

These groups, made up of hospital leadership, staff and where appropriate, patient and community representatives will meet three to four times between now and June as they work closely with AP to develop the functional program.



Bringing Patients and Family Members to the Table

To support the process, a group of patient and community representatives will participate in the User Groups.

The representatives include patients, former patients and families of patients with firsthand experience using the hospital services and programs. They have a critical role – to provide the patient perspective that is vital to ensuring the new hospital serves the needs of the community.

Last month, the representatives attended a virtual meeting with the planning team to learn more about the process.

“This is your hospital. This is your family’s future,” Windsor Regional Hospital President David Musyj said during the meeting. “We need to hear from you about your experience, and how it can be better.”

The volunteers — among them cancer survivors, transplant recipients, cardiac care and emergency patients — expressed enthusiasm about being part of the process.

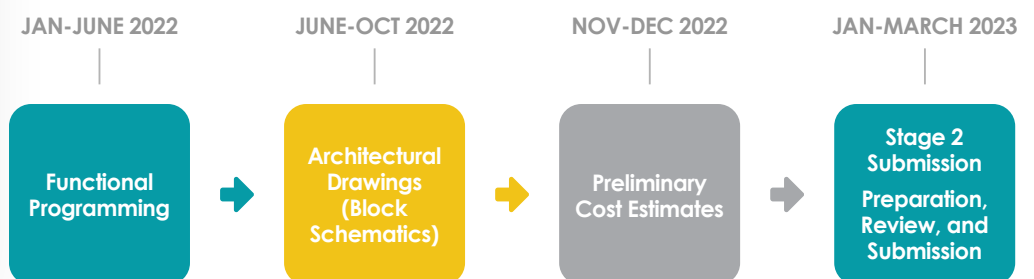
“What an opportunity,” said June Muir, Patient Representative for the Emergency Services User Group. “I’m passionate about helping people in my community and I look forward to this. I’m so glad we’re getting a new hospital.”

What’s Next?

During the month of February, the User Groups will meet for round two as they continue to develop the functional program. Expect to hear from members of the User Groups throughout the next couple of months about the work they are doing.

In addition, a series of virtual town halls is scheduled for early spring. These will focus on program specific planning areas and give the community an opportunity to learn more, ask questions and provide input. Watch our website and social media for details and dates.

Stage 2 Timeline



DID YOU KNOW?

Following the realignment of hospital services with Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare in 2013, Windsor Regional Hospital launched the Standardization and Optimization Process (SOP) to standardize processes between the two hospital campuses based on best practice and innovation. The processes identified as part of this program will now help inform the design of the new hospital.