

## **Report of the President & CEO to the Board of Directors**

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**Date:** December 2013

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**I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks. ~William Shakespeare**

2013 was a year of change for hospital healthcare delivery in Windsor/Essex. During this holiday season I would like you to appreciate what was accomplished in the last 10 months.

Starting in January 2013, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced funding for the Windsor hospitals to proceed with Stage 1 planning for a new state-of-the-art acute care facility. This was on the heels of the release in November 2012 of the report of the Windsor Hospital's Study Task Force which recommended the province "proceed immediately in approving the planning and construction of a new single site" for the Windsor Essex region.

This included \$2.5 million to prepare an initial Stage 1A submission to government; an additional \$35 million would flow for further planning upon completion and Ministry approval of the Stage 1A submission.

In February 2013, the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital (HDGH) and Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) Boards of Directors announced a jointly agreed upon, proposed new vision for Windsor/Essex. It included the realignment of hospital healthcare services.

In March 2013, The Erie St. Clair LHIN (ESC LHIN) approved the voluntary realignment of services between HDGH and WRH.

In May 2013, the ESC LHIN established a Capital Planning Steering Committee to prepare the Stage 1A submission to the government.

On October 1, 2013, as part of the realignment, WRH assumed governance and operations of all acute services at the Met and Ouellette Campuses and for the new acute care hospital. HDGH assumed governance and operations of chronic care, regional rehabilitation, specialized mental health and addictions, and children's mental health at the Tayfour campus.

Later in October, the Capital Planning Steering Committee shared its final report with the HDGH and WRH Boards of Directors. The HDGH and WRH Boards of Directors voted unanimously to approve the Stage 1, Part A, Service Delivery Model. This was approved in November by the Erie St. Clair LHIN board. It has now been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for their review and approval.

During all of this, each and every one of you continued to provide *Outstanding Care...No Exceptions!*

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank all of you for doing just that and seeing the benefits the realignment will have on the delivery of healthcare to our community.

### **Christmas and New Year's Day Meals of Appreciation**

During the upcoming holidays, in appreciation of those who are scheduled and have to work on either Christmas and/or New Year's Day Windsor Regional Hospital will be providing a complimentary breakfast, lunch or supper for those staff as follows:

- For both Christmas and New Year's Day at the Met Campus, there will be complimentary coffee and muffins in the upstairs Cafeteria from 0800-1000 hours. There will be a complimentary lunch in the upstairs Cafeteria at Met from 1000 to 1400 hours and dinner from 1600 to 1800 hours.
- For both Christmas and New Year's Day at the Ouellette Campus, there will be complimentary coffee and muffins in the Cafeteria from 0800-1000 hours. There will be a complimentary lunch in the Cafeteria at Ouellette from 1000 to 1400 hours and dinner from 1600 to 1800 hours.



## **Holiday Socials**

The following Holiday Socials have been arranged for all WRH team members to enjoy some sandwiches, light refreshments and holiday cheer. They are as follows:

- Tuesday, December 10 from 1400 hours to 1600 hours in the former Chapel at the Ouellette Campus.
- Tuesday, December 10 from 2300 hours to 0100 hours in the former Chapel at the Ouellette Campus for Midnight Staff.
- Wednesday, December 11 from 1400 hours to 1600 hours in Auditorium Side A at the Met Campus.
- Wednesday, December 11 at 2300 hours to 0100 hours in the Auditorium Side A at the Met Campus for Midnight Staff.

I wish all of you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season!