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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 well-being and has the capacity to provide timely, patient and family-centred care for generations to come.

Historic Gift to Benefit Hospital Patients in Windsor-Essex for Generations



The Solcz Family Foundation made history in September with a historic gift of \$15 million to purchase technology and equipment for the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital. It is the largest single gift ever made in Windsor-Essex.



Marty Solcz, Chair of the Solcz Family Foundation, speaking at the gift announcement.

Marty Solcz, Chair of the Solcz Family Foundation, made the announcement at

a ceremony held at the future home of the new state-of-the-art hospital. He said he hopes it inspires others to support this critical project.

In recognition of the Solcz family's exceptional gift, the new hospital's Family Birthing and Paediatric Care Centre, as well as the Paediatric Emergency Zone, located within the Emergency Department, will be named after the Solcz Family Foundation.

The Solcz Family Foundation Family Birthing and Paediatric Care Centre will span an entire floor of the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital and will provide best-in-class child and maternal care from pregnancy and delivery to neonatal and paediatric care (from a child's birth to their 18th birthday). The floor will include numerous spaces

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including, but not limited to, birthing suites, operative birthing areas, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a Maternal Outpatient Clinic, as well In-Patient and Out-Patient paediatric clinics.

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The Solcz Family Foundation Paediatric Emergency Zone will be located within the Emergency Department (ED) at the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital. This specialized zone will provide care to children and youth who need urgent or emergent medical care. Having a dedicated Paediatric Emergency Zone will improve the patient experiences for children and their families. Planning

for the new emergency department is focused on creating a rapid triage system that eliminates the need for children to wait in a large waiting room. After triage, children entering will be brought with their parents/caregivers directly into the designated paediatric zone to wait, away from the general population.

Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Windsor

Mayor Drew Dilkens and Essex County Warden Hilda MacDonald were among the [speakers at the recognition event](#).

As part of his remarks, Premier Doug Ford reinforced his support for advancing the project adding he would like to "... go as quickly as possible, cut out all the bureaucracy and get the shovels in the ground."



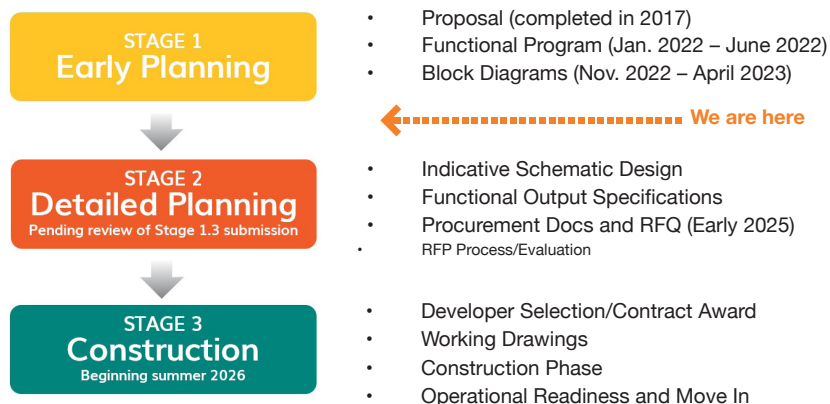
In a testament to the shared commitment between the Ontario Government and the Windsor-Essex community to the future of healthcare in the region, members of the Solcz Family were joined by numerous dignitaries as well as hospital and community leaders for the historic announcement.

Project Update

Work continues to advance the Stage 1.3 submission for the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project, with increasing momentum in ongoing conversations with the Ministry of Health.

The team is preparing to start work on Stage 2 early in the new year. In this next stage the planning team, supported by experienced hospital planners, architects and engineers, will work closely with the User Groups to further develop the design and bring the project to market.

New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project Estimated Timeline



Indigenous Engagement Lead Brings Heart, Soul, and Passion for Health Equity to New Role

Audrey Logan is joining the PMO team as the Indigenous Planning and Engagement Lead for New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital to support planning and ensure the new hospital is a culturally safe and welcoming space for Indigenous Patients and visitors.

Audrey is a member of the community of Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewit and an experienced leader in Indigenous health. She holds a Master's degree in Public Safety from Wilfrid Laurier University and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Windsor.

In her most recent role as Director of Health Equity and Indigenous Populations at Ontario Health, Audrey worked closely with the Weeneebayko Health Authority and Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, advocating for 109 First Nation communities in Northern Ontario.

She is no stranger to Windsor Regional Hospital, having previously held a variety of positions over an 11-year period, including Indigenous Patient Navigator for the Cancer Program and First Nations and Métis Cancer Screening Project Coordinator.

In this new role, Audrey will work with the planning team to ensure the perspective provided by the Indigenous community through consultation is embedded into all aspects of planning and design for the new hospital and provide guidance and support in ongoing engagement with the Indigenous communities.

As an example, she says it is important to include key elements of the Indigenous worldview in the hospital's design, such as earth, air, water, and fire, as they are essential components of the Indigenous understanding of the world.

"When you step into the hospital, it should be welcoming, friendly, and culturally appropriate for all Nations. You should know that Indigenous people are here," she said.

In addition to her role as a member



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of the planning team, Audrey will also support WRH's Renal Program as the Indigenous Chronic Care Lead, assisting Indigenous patients receiving dialysis.

For Audrey, this opportunity to support current patients while contributing to a much-needed state-of-the-art regional hospital is exciting and meaningful. She says it is an honour to be part of this historic transformation in healthcare for the region, and the unprecedented engagement that is taking place as a result.

"Indigenous people have been at the table from the beginning of this planning process," Audrey said, adding she looks forward to ongoing consultation and collaboration with Indigenous communities. "No one person knows what is best for any group of people. You have to ask, and you have to have leadership that is willing to listen."