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Search for New Acute Care Hospital Site Narrows Short Listed Properties Now Enter Phase 2 of the Site Selection Process

Windsor Regional Hospital is one step closer to answering the question everyone is asking: *Where is the new hospital going to go?*

Last year, after a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, more than 20 properties from across the region were submitted for consideration. A volunteer site selection subcommittee - made up of ten community members - spent countless hours studying and evaluating each of the properties before agreeing on a short list of sites that will move on to the next phase of the site selection process. Getting to this phase only occurred after the site selection subcommittee individually evaluated the 20 plus properties pursuant to the 32 criteria clearly outlined in the RFP. After individually scoring each of the properties, the site selection subcommittee met together and came up with a “consensus” score for each of the criteria for each of the properties.

The criteria set out in the RFP were initially determined by the Steering Committee overseeing planning for the new hospital. The list of criteria and weighting of the criteria was finalized after an extensive community consultation that included direct input from over 600 individuals from Windsor-Essex. Community members were also invited to apply for a seat on the site selection subcommittee. For more information on the site selection process, please [click here](#).

As outlined in the RFP, the short list can include up to, but no more than 5 properties. These short-listed properties are now invited to move to Phase 2 of the process, which involves intense due diligence with things like soil samples and price. If all goes well, a site could be announced by summer.

“We want to move through the process as quickly as possible, but it is not a race,” says Windsor Regional Hospital President and CEO David Musyj, who co-chairs the Steering Committee overseeing the new hospital project. “We are all eager to learn where the new hospital will be built, but a decision of this magnitude requires the utmost due diligence. In the meantime, we continue with the planning required to eventually design and build a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital,” he says.

Due to the business interest of all involved, Windsor Regional Hospital will not comment further on the location or number of properties moving forward, until the site selection process is complete, and a final site is recommended.

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