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### **Statement Regarding Planning Applications for a New Regional Hospital**

Earlier this year, Windsor Regional Hospital submitted applications to the City of Windsor (the City) requesting a Secondary Plan amendment to the City's Official Plan and a Zoning By-law amendment. These amendments are part of the City's development process in the Sandwich South area and are required to proceed with a new state-of-the-art hospital at County Rd. 42 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Concession.

The City is holding a special Public Meeting with the Planning Heritage & Economic Development Standing Committee (PHEDSC) and Windsor City Council to deal with the matter next Monday, Aug. 13, in Council Chambers, at 6 pm. The meeting will be broadcast on Cogeco Cable, Channel 11, and live streamed on the City's website.

The area at the centre of the discussion is part of the larger Sandwich South area that was transferred to the City in 2003 for future growth. In anticipation of development in this area, the City has since initiated studies such as the Upper Little River Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Lauzon Parkway EA. The Secondary Plan builds on that work and was prepared after extensive consultation with affected land owners, members of the public and the City.

The applications for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments were prepared for Windsor Regional Hospital by MHBC Planning with support from Wood Bull LLP and contributions from other consultants regarding technical matters. This team of experts will provide an overview of the proposed Secondary Plan and answer any questions regarding the proposed amendments at the meeting.

The purpose of this part of the process is to determine how the area around the new hospital will develop over the next 30 years and beyond, and how the new hospital can be accommodated on the selected site. This is a City of Windsor requirement for development in this area. This is not an exercise to determine where the new hospital will go or debate the components of the new system.

There will be no further comments from Windsor Regional Hospital or the Steering Committee overseeing plans for the new Windsor-Essex Hospitals System on this matter. Any questions related to these planning matters will be referred to the hospital's team of Planning and Legal consultants.

Individuals with questions related to the new Windsor-Essex Hospital's System, are encouraged to visit [www.windsorhospitals.ca](http://www.windsorhospitals.ca).

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