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Where Should a New Hospital Go?***The Steering Committee Overseeing the Project Wants Public Input on Criteria for Site Selection***

Windsor, ON – The Steering Committee overseeing the planning of a state-of-the-art hospital for the region, is narrowing down a list of criteria that will be used to select a location for the new hospital site, and is looking to the public for help. Individuals can vote on which factors they feel matter most when determining the location for a new hospital at <http://www.windsorhospitals.ca>.

Those interested are asked to go online to view the current list of criteria and select the top 10 items they feel should be given the most weight in this process. The public can also provide feedback on any criteria currently on the list or criteria they suggest should be added. The vote tally and feedback will be considered by the Steering Committee when making a final weighted list of criteria for site selection.

Dave Cooke, Co-Chair of the Programs and Services Steering Committee, says the goal of the process is to be open and transparent and he thinks it is important for the community to play a role.

“This is the community’s hospital and we want to give everyone a chance to have a say before this important decision is made.”

The public has until 5 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2014 to go online and provide their feedback. After that, the Steering Committee will use the results to help finalize a set of criteria for site selection. The final list will be given to the Site Selection Subcommittee to guide the decision making process.

[Click here](#) for more information on the site selection process.

David Musyj, Hospital President and CEO, and Co-Chair of the Programs and Services Steering Committee, encourages everyone to go online and vote. “The consultants that we are working with during this process have called this site selection process ‘brave’, because of our attempts to be open and include the public in the decision making process, but residents should not accept anything less. This project will affect our region for decades and generations to come. As a result, we have said from the start that we are committed to getting their feedback and direct involvement as much as possible.”

Musyj adds there will be many more opportunities to get involved in the process once a site is selected and the design phase begins.

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