MEDIA RELEASE

February 21, 2023
For Immediate Release

New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital town hall offers community an opportunity to see initial drawings and learn how public input is shaping the project

WINDSOR, ON. _ The Project Management Team for the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital is inviting the community to attend a virtual town hall for an update on the project, the opportunity to hear from the architects who are leading the evolving designs, and a chance to see how public input is helping to shape the new hospital's initial working drawings.

Two town halls are scheduled – one in English on March 7, 2023, and another in French on March 9, 2023 - both will begin at 7 pm.

For the past 14 months, 40 user groups representing all clinical and non-clinical programs and services at the hospital have been working with hospital planners and architects to create a functional program, a campus plan and a set of early block diagrams for the new hospital. The town halls will give the public an opportunity to learn more about the early concept plans before they are finalized and submitted to the Ministry of Health, in April.

"This is an exciting time for everyone involved in the planning including staff, professional staff and community representatives who have been working with the architects and planners," said Allison Johnson, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement for the project. "The New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital is really starting to take shape and we look forward to sharing these evolving plans with members of the community whose input has also played an important role in the design."

Last year, the User Groups teams invited community members to share ideas and priorities for the new hospital design. Hundreds of participants visited the Together We Build engagement site and participated in a series of town halls where they offered input and ideas for the future hospital. A summary of the feedback received through the Together We Build engagement campaign is available on the project website.

The input received is helping to guide the planning teams throughout the process and highlights will be presented during the town halls.

Registration is not required for the town halls; however, individuals are encouraged to register in advance on the project website to receive reminder emails with links to the virtual events.

Questions for the project management team and architects can be sent in advance to newhospital@wrh.on.ca.

Video recordings of the live events will be available on the project website following the town halls. YourTV Windsor will also broadcast the town hall at a date that is yet to be determined.

-30-

Visit www.windsorhospitals.ca for information about the project and subscribe to the project email list.

For further information, please contact:
Allison Johnson, Manager, Communications and Community Engagement
New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project
519-995-0577 (cell) / Allison.Johnson@wrh.on.ca