

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.

Learn more about the project and subscribe to the project email list for updates at www.WindsorHospitals.ca

Foundational “First Pour” at the Fancsy Family Hospital Site

A visible new chapter in construction of the new hospital began this month, with the project’s first structural concrete pour.

This work marks the first permanent structural component of the project and will form part of a tunnel connecting the future Education and Administration Centre to the Fancsy Family Hospital during later phases of construction.

When the new hospital opens, this tunnel will serve as a critical underground connection, allowing the safe and efficient movement of supplies, equipment, and staff between the buildings, while keeping them away from patient and visitor areas and the outdoor elements.

“This first concrete pour represents years of planning, coordination and preparation,” said Mike Coombs, Windsor Regional Hospital Director of Project Delivery. “More importantly, it marks the beginning of the permanent structures that will ultimately form Windsor-Essex’s new regional hospital.”

In addition to this work, substantial progress has taken place across the project site over the past month, including installation of the water main and storm sewer infrastructure.

The first major structure to emerge on the site will be the parking garage, with work on that expected to become increasingly visible later this fall. The Administration and Education Centre will follow, as Phase 1 advances through 2027.

While work progresses on site, the project team is continuing to advance



The milestone “first pour” marks the first permanent structural component of the Enabling Works phase and a significant step forward in the construction of the new hospital.

procurement efforts for future phases. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for Phase 2, the largest and most complex

phase, is now closed. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is expected to be released later this fall.

Private Rooms, Dedicated Spaces And More: The Future Of Infection Prevention And Control

The future Fancsy Family Hospital is being designed with infection prevention and safety at its core. From private rooms and dedicated washrooms to specialized isolation spaces and separate transportation routes, key features will help reduce the risk of infection and create a safer environment for patients, families, staff, professional staff, volunteers, and visitors.

As Windsor Regional Hospital marks National Infection Control Week (NICW), October 19-23, 2026, the planning team is highlighting the extensive work underway to ensure infection prevention and control is integrated into every aspect of the future hospital's design.

Throughout the planning process, design teams have focused on patient flow and separation, isolation of high-risk patients, hand hygiene, waste management, and finishes and building materials that support IPAC best practices.

Examples of these IPAC features include:

- **100% Private patient rooms:** Private rooms help reduce the spread of infections by reducing close contact between patients and limiting opportunities for infectious diseases to spread from one patient to another.
- **Dedicated washrooms:** Every inpatient will have access to their own designated washroom, reducing shared touchpoints and lowering the risk of infection transmission.
- **Airborne isolation rooms:** Negative-pressure airborne isolation rooms (AIRs), complete with dedicated washrooms and anterooms will be included on every inpatient unit, help contain airborne pathogens, supporting the safe treatment of infectious patients while protecting others throughout the hospital.
- **Dedicated transportation routes:** Separate hallways and elevators for patients, visitors, staff and materials will help limit cross-contamination and support safer movement throughout the facility.

Erika Vitale, Director of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), says the improved design features will strengthen the hospital's ability to prevent, control, and respond to infectious disease threats and challenges.

"Members of the community might remember coming to our emergency department or intensive care unit during the COVID-19 pandemic, and seeing it look like a spaceship with tarps put up to help us try to separate ill patients from well patients," said Vitale.

According to Vitale, that won't be necessary in the new hospital, where isolation features are built right into the design.

"We've planned dedicated pathways to help manage airborne infections, allowing us to close off specific areas and increase air changes to remove pathogens from the air, all while minimizing disruption to patients and visitors."

Teams from across the organization, including clinical departments, facilities, and IPAC specialists, have been actively involved in reviewing plans and providing input to help create a healthcare environment that supports safe, high-quality care for patients, families, staff, physicians, and volunteers.

As construction progresses, the Fancsy Family Hospital represents an opportunity to build on lessons learned during the construction of other new hospital facilities and advance IPAC measures that will help meet the healthcare needs of the Windsor-Essex region for generations to come.



Erika Vitale
Director, Infection Prevention
and Control (IPAC)

Morris & Beverly Baker Foundation Gives \$500k To Fancsy Family Hospital

The new Fancsy Family Hospital has received a generous \$500,000 donation from The Morris & Beverly Baker Foundation. The donation will help purchase state-of-the-art equipment and technology that will facilitate advanced medical education and research.

In recognition of their gift, a key educational space within the upcoming Education and Administration Centre will be named The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation Classroom. This named recognition serves as a fitting testament to The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation's decades-long history of supporting education locally.

"We are incredibly proud to fund the cutting-edge equipment that will drive medical innovation here in Windsor-Essex," shared Beverly Baker. "To see this commitment recognized through The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation Classroom is deeply meaningful to our family. We know this dedicated space will serve as a vibrant hub where current and future healthcare professionals can learn, collaborate, and master the advanced technologies that will shape the future of care at the Fancsy Family Hospital."

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Education & Administration Centre at Fancsy Family Hospital

Work on the Education and Administration Centre is expected to begin in 2027. The three-storey facility will feature an auditorium, classrooms, office space, and a dedicated simulation training centre. Once complete, it will support operational readiness at the new hospital while providing a vibrant hub where current and future healthcare professionals can learn, collaborate, and master the advanced technologies shaping the future of care at the Fancsy Family Hospital.

[Read the full news release.](#)

President And CEO Thanks Workers During Construction Site Visit

Kristin Kennedy, President and CEO of Windsor Regional Hospital, had the opportunity to see the progress taking place and thank the hardworking crews from EllisDon Corporation and all those on site for their dedication throughout Phase 1 – Enabling Works.

"It's hard to put into words and visualize the sheer magnitude and presence of what we are going to accomplish on this site." Kennedy said when asked how it felt to see the construction taking place.

After the site tour, Kennedy took a moment to thank the crews and project leaders on site for their hard work and commitment, recognizing the important role they play in advancing the transformative project.

"This is a monumental time for Windsor-Essex county and on behalf of the patients, the community and their families, I sincerely thank you for showing up every day and giving it your all for each and every one of us."

Those passing the Fancsy Family Hospital site over the coming months can expect to see a steady increase in activity as work progresses on servicing and excavation.

