



MEDIA RELEASE

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MOVING CLOSER TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Planning for Stage 4 of the new CPDMH Emergency Department (ED) is underway. We are pleased to be able to publicly announce Ministry of Health approval of CPDMH's Stage 3.2 submission. This paves the way for the Stage 4 submission which the CPDMH team began working on in the Spring.

The approved Stage 3.2 Sketch Plan focused on detailed physical planning documents, furniture and equipment lists, as well as updated cost estimates and project schedule. Stage 4 is the pre-construction phase which includes working drawings and contract documents to go to tender.

"Planning during a pandemic has not been easy, but it has also provided us with valuable information," notes Randy Shaw, Integrated Vice President of Corporate Support Services and Capital Projects. "During our focus groups with staff and physicians, we discussed the impact of COVID-19 and refined our plans based on these learnings."

For example, new infection prevention and control (IPAC) technologies have been incorporated such as the use of ultra-violet light for sterilization, an updated water treatment system, and new off-set drain sinks to help reduce aerosol droplets.

Chief of Emergency Dr. Marcia Spooner says these lessons and subsequent modifications will improve patient care: "We hope to never see a pandemic like this again, but if we do, we will be prepared. Enhanced infection prevention and control measures will be the norm in our new space."

"This is wonderful news, and we are thankful to the Ministry of Health team for their collaboration," sums up Board Chair Carol Anne Esnard. "The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our timeline, but not our enthusiasm as we plan for a new state-of-the-art Emergency Department to care for our local communities."

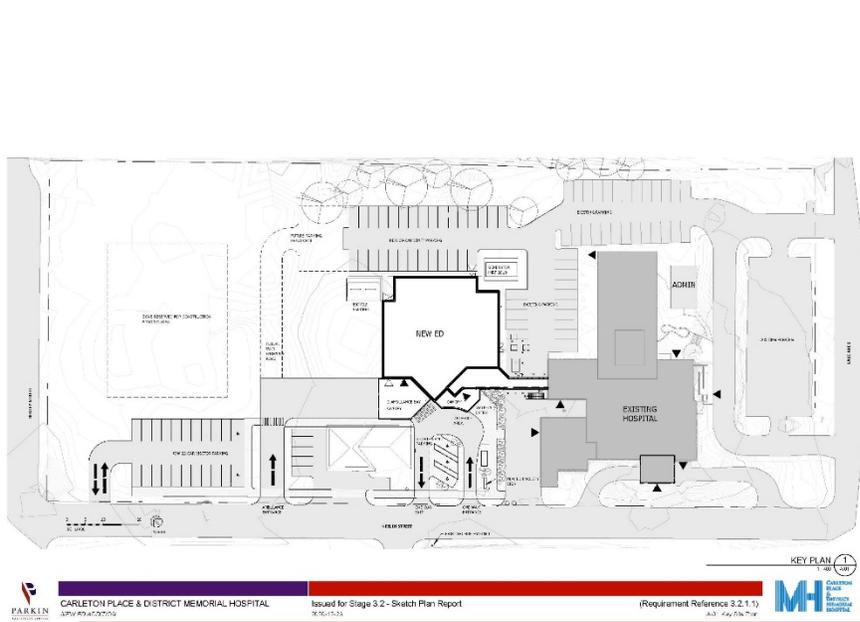
The new ED will be linked to the hospital and will address current space challenges and enhance infection control standards. It includes 11 treatment spaces, which is an increase of five (or 83%) over the current ED. The new ED is being designed to improve patient flow for both walk-in patients, as well as patients arriving by ambulance. It includes barrier-free entrances for patients and ambulances. There will be a private family room inside the ED and more washrooms. Additional parking will also be provided.

As Stage 4 planning begins and COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted, the CPDMH Foundation is entering the next phase of its \$4 million comprehensive fundraising campaign for the new ED and needed patient care equipment for the hospital. Following a successful leadership phase led by Co-Chairs Lori Cavanagh and Richard Kidd, with a team of volunteer community members, the campaign will be launched publicly on Saturday, August 28 at the Jock River Jam in Beckwith Park.

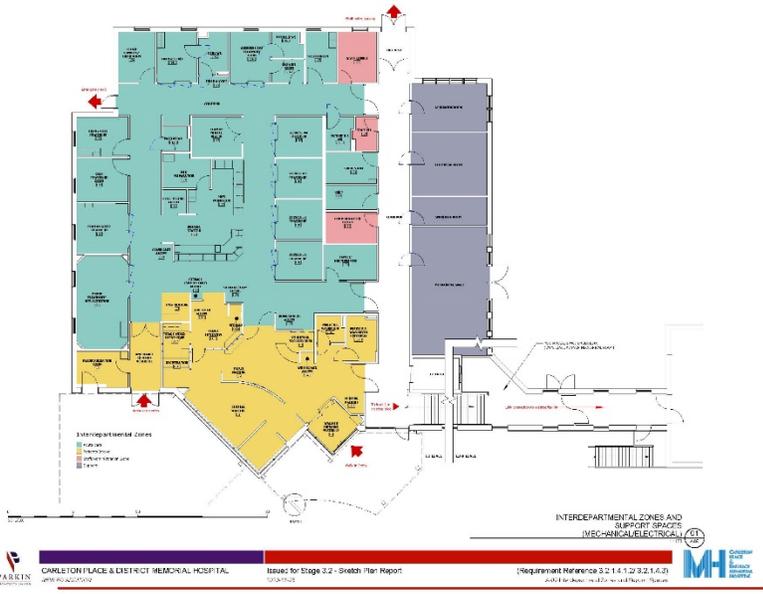
“This will be an opportunity for the community to learn more about the campaign as we unveil new information, a virtual walk-through, videos and displays about the needs of the hospital and all the wonderful donors who have already come forward with their gift,” says Foundation Executive Director Robyn Arseneau. “The public phase is the opportunity to rally the entire community and to celebrate our phenomenal donors. Join us at the Jock River Jam to get a sneak preview of the future of YOUR local hospital.”

Please contact the Foundation office at 613-257-GIVE (4483) or foundation@carletonplacehosp.com for more information about the public launch, the campaign and how you can be involved in the community’s goal to raise \$4 million for your local hospital.

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