



Planning for the New Groves Memorial Community Hospital Overview September, 2011

On August 25, 2011 Groves Memorial Community Hospital (Groves) received approval from the Ontario Government to move forward with the design and development of a new hospital in Centre Wellington. The following document is intended to help answer some commonly asked questions.

New Hospital

What are the highlights of the proposed new hospital?

- 59 acute and chronic care beds – which is an increase in beds from the current facility
- 141,000 square feet (*current hospital is 110,000 square feet*)
- Increased number of private patient rooms from current 15% toward the Ministry of Health's new design guidelines of 80%
- Ample and well-designed waiting space that considers the wide range of needs related to age, mobility, frailty and cognition
- Expanded Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care Area
- Improved infection prevention and control
- New hospital will comply with the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

What are the benefits of the new hospital?

- Improved infection prevention and control
- Family-centred patient care
- Patients will benefit from a rigorously well-maintained and up-to-date facility
- The enhanced working environment of the new hospital will continue to make it a workplace of choice.

What are the anticipated timelines for the planning process?

The Ministry of Health and Groves have a mutual understanding that the project is intended to go to construction in 2014, barring any issues arising in the meantime.

Are we guaranteed that construction will occur?

Process changes could occur at anytime. We are encouraged that the Ministry has committed to be an active partner in moving the hospital planning forward.

What will happen to the current Groves facility?

Once plans are further in place for the new hospital decisions will be made about the current Groves facility.

Where can I find out more information?:

Public meetings are being planned for October – stay tuned!