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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR GROVES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

FERGUS, ONT. — Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Groves Memorial Community Hospital have awarded a fixed-price contract to EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. to design, build and finance the new Groves Memorial Community Hospital (GMCH) development project in Centre Wellington, Ontario.

The contract between EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. is for \$127.5 million. Payment will be made by the Province and GMCH at substantial completion in late 2019 to ensure the project is delivered on time and on budget.

The EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. team includes:

- Developer: EllisDon Capital Inc.
- Architect: Tillmann Ruth Robinson
- Engineering Teams: The Mitchell Partnership; WalterFedy Partnership; Hastings and Aziz
- Design-Builder: EllisDon Design Build Inc.
- Financial advisor: EllisDon Capital Inc.

The new hospital will be built in Aboyne, Ontario, between Elora and Fergus, and replace the existing GMCH in Fergus. The new GMCH project will include:

- A replacement hospital built on a greenfield site, with more space for emergency, ambulatory, diagnostic and inpatient services to accommodate a growing community
- 37 beds will be in private single patient rooms with a dedicated washroom and shower and large windows
- Eight beds will be in two-bed rooms each with a private washroom
- All inpatient rooms will have views of the surrounding rural landscape, including the Grand River and extensive trail network
- Modernized infection control measures, including additional isolation facilities, to enhance the hospital's ability to respond to a pandemic or disease outbreak
- An onsite helipad to allow for faster access to patient transfers by air ambulance
- Large windowed areas that allow natural light to penetrate deep into the building and ultimately connect the interior with the outside
- Simplified wayfinding, making it easy for visitors and patients to navigate to their desired destinations.

IO and GMCH selected EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. after extensive evaluations following a fair, open and transparent request for proposals (RFP) process that began in June 2016. Three teams—GMCH Partnership, EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. and PCL Constructors Canada—submitted bids.

Construction will begin in summer 2017 with an expected substantial completion date of late 2019. IO and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with GMCH to build the new hospital, which will remain publicly owned, controlled and accountable.

Quick Facts

- According to Ontario's 2017 Long-Term Report on the Economy, every \$1 spent on public infrastructure has been shown to increase GDP by \$6 in the long term.
- This project is being delivered using IO's Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model, an innovative way to finance and procure large, complex public infrastructure projects. AFP projects have a track record of being 96 per cent on budget and 73 per cent on time or within one month of the scheduled substantial completion date.
- 108 AFP projects have been assigned to IO as of March 31, 2017, with an approximate total capital value of \$48 billion.
- The project is expected to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification for design excellence and sustainability.
- Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges, and water and wastewater infrastructure in the province's history – more than \$190 billion in public infrastructure over 13 years, starting in 2014–15. To learn more about what is happening in your community, go to Ontario.ca/BuildON.

“I am pleased that we are one step closer to a brand new hospital in Centre Wellington. Improving access to high-quality healthcare in state-of-the-art rural facilities is a great example of our government's commitment to putting patients first.”

Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“We are very excited to have reached this important milestone for a project that will serve the healthcare needs of people in Centre Wellington for years to come while creating jobs and building up the economy.”

Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure

“We are delighted to have reached financial close and we are even more excited to break ground this summer. This milestone marks years of collaborative planning with our community, staff, physicians and volunteers to design a hospital that will provide optimal care for generations to come.”

Howard Dobson, Board Chair, Groves Memorial Community Hospital

“We are looking forward to working with the EllisDon Infrastructure GMCH Inc. Team. There has been an enormous amount of planning and work done in preparation for breaking ground this summer. We can soon start to see this hard work take shape on the new hospital property.”

Gord Feniak, Building Committee Chair, New Groves Hospital

“This brand new rural hospital development, integrated into the Grand River trail network and the natural surroundings, is a great example of what good partnerships can achieve.”

Ehren Cory, President and CEO, Infrastructure Ontario

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