



This update is available on a regular basis in order to help keep our staff and Centre Wellington community informed about plans and progress for the New Groves Memorial Community Hospital.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

STAGE 1B SUBMISSION & FEEDBACK

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Capital Branch requested a response to a number of questions relating to the Groves New Hospital 1B submission. Feedback included potential site plan modifications to fully integrate services by creating a single main entrance, and reducing the segregation between hospital and primary care services. Several meetings have taken place with multiple stakeholders and site plans are currently being refined, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, to increase efficiencies and better align with Ministry requirements.

As conceptually, a new model is being created integrating acute care, primary care & community services in a green field site development, with no previous precedent in Canada, the Ministry is seeking to ensure the longevity and success of the model moving forward. While the building design is changed, functions and services will remain consistent.

OASIS

In planning the new hospital, the “OASIS” premise is utilized:

O: Operational Efficiencies

Strategically positioning departments who work closely together (e.g. Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging)

A: Accessibility

Consideration of doorway, stair & elevator positioning and sizing

S: Sustainability

The inclusion of energy efficiencies, material reuse, and future expansion within the interior of the hospital is considered.

I: Infection Prevention & Control

Including separate corridors for public circulation, and the circulation of staff, materials and processes

S: Safety

Including way-finding signage, non-slip flooring materials and handrails



NEW HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$5.5 MILLION GRANT

Groves Memorial Community Hospital received a \$5.5 Million boost from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the planning and design of the new hospital.

This grant was announced April 19th by Education Minister Liz Sandals at the current hospital.

Previous to this announcement (in 2007) a \$500,000 initial planning grant had been awarded to finance the business case to consider a new facility. As the hospital has incurred many costs thus far, beyond the initial grant amount this announcement came as a welcomed vote of added confidence from the province.



FERGUS LIONS HOME AND LEISURE SHOW

Groves Memorial Community Hospital received a top award for our display at the Fergus Lions Home and Leisure Show. The display was well attended, and many questions were answered. Common questions were:

- ? Where will the new hospital be built?
 - The new hospital will be located in Aboyne, off Beatty Line. The new site boasts extensive green space, with views overlooking the Elora Cataract Trail.

- ? How large will it be?
 - GMCH continues to participate in negotiations with both the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network regarding the size of the new hospital.

- ? How much will the new hospital cost?
 - As with the project size, negotiations are currently underway, with hopes of better estimating cost and size. A cost estimate is not generally shared publicly before going to tender to ensure bids are as competitive as possible.

- ? What will happen to the old hospital?
 - The site at 235 Queen St East was donated by Dr. Abraham Groves to the Municipality of Fergus in 1931, now Centre Wellington (CW). CW will look at the intent of the donation as they consider the next steps with the property along with the hospital.

- ? Will there be paid parking?
 - This has yet to be determined. The hospital is conducting a review of area hospitals comparable in size, and aims to determine a parking policy in the fall.

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