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## **PLANNING, DESIGN AND COMPLIANCE TEAM SELECTED FOR GROVES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT**

FERGUS, ONT. — Stantec Architecture has been selected to lead the planning, design and compliance (PDC) aspects of the new replacement Groves Memorial Community Hospital.

The project involves the construction of a new hospital in Aboyne, Ont., between Elora and Fergus, to replace the existing Groves Memorial Community Hospital in Fergus.

Highlights of the project include:

- building on an existing model of care that links traditional hospital-based acute care services with community-based services to achieve an enhanced continuum of care
- providing a framework to address future flexibility and changes in technology
- providing facilities that meet infection prevention and control standards and reflect best practices and evidence-based design
- providing services within a model of care to accommodate projected needs-based demographic changes

The PDC team will prepare key documents that will establish the guidelines and performance requirements that must be met by the successful building team when preparing its designs. The PDC team will also monitor construction progress and provide coordination services and oversight throughout the course of the project.

Once the PDC aspects are complete, the hospital and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) will issue a request for qualifications for a consortium to design, build and finance the project using the Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model. Under the AFP model, risks associated with the design, construction and financing of complex hospital projects are transferred to the private sector.

IO and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with Groves Memorial Community Hospital to build the new replacement hospital, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable.

### **Quotes:**

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

“This is a clear sign of our government’s commitment to the redevelopment of the Groves Memorial Community Hospital. Our investment will further improve the health services Ontarians deserve and expect.”

#### ***Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure***

“This is a significant step towards revitalizing healthcare services for the community of Centre Wellington and the surrounding area. I’m proud of our government’s commitment to

modernizing infrastructure across Ontario to ensure future generations have state of the art health care, schools, transportation and more. These projects are important for our families and businesses, and spur significant economic growth in local communities.”

***Howard Dobson, Board Chair, Groves Memorial Community Hospital***

“The new Groves Hospital is an important investment for families and future generations in and around Centre Wellington and, as such, we are excited to continue the planning for the hospital with Stantec Architecture. The new facility will enable Groves’ staff and physicians to improve upon patient-focused health-care services in a modern environment and with enhanced coordination between key clinical areas.”

**Background:**

IO is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario that works to deliver public benefits through partnerships with the private sector. IO delivers large, complex, public infrastructure projects using a made-in-Ontario modern procurement and project management practice called Alternative Financing and Procurement. IO also partners with the private sector to manage one of the largest real estate portfolios in Canada, provides municipalities and eligible public-sector clients with loans to renew public infrastructure, and leverages its private-sector expertise to advise the provincial public-sector clients on commercial transactions.

Groves Memorial Community Hospital (GMCH) is a highly respected, rural, acute-care facility providing a wide range of services. GMCH serves a local and regional population of over 34,500 and treats more than 68,000 people annually. The hospital currently operates with more than 277 staff, 84 medical staff and 254 volunteers’ support.

Visit [www.infrastructureontario.ca](http://www.infrastructureontario.ca) and [www.gmch.ca](http://www.gmch.ca) for more information.

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