

Important milestone reached in Etobicoke General renovation and expansion

William Osler Health System's Etobicoke General Hospital has reached another important milestone in its redevelopment journey. The Request for Proposals phase of the project has been closed after six-months, and the three short-listed teams have submitted bids to design, build, finance and maintain the hospital's planned four-storey wing.

Over the next few months, Osler's redevelopment team and Infrastructure Ontario will evaluate the proposals from its three short-listed teams - EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare, Etobicoke Healthcare Partnership and Plenary Health. Once a preferred team has been selected following evaluation, construction on the new facility is expected to begin, anticipated for summer 2016.

"Etobicoke General is truly on an exciting journey of transformation and we are seeing this take shape through renovation, expansion and redevelopment across the hospital site," said Osler Board Chair John Davies. "As we reach another milestone in this project, we are moving closer to the completion of a new, state-of-the-art wing that will help provide greater access to the programs and services - like emergency and women's and children's care - that are needed most by this growing community."

Etobicoke General, which opened in 1972, is undergoing significant revitalization to meet the growing demands of its community. The new four-storey wing will add approximately 250,000 square feet of space to the hospital and house the services most urgently needed by the community it serves. Some features of the project include:

- A larger, state-of-the-art emergency department;
- Cardiac Care and Intensive Care units;
- a maternal newborn unit with birthing suites and a specialized nursery;
- a new ambulatory procedures unit;
- cardiorespiratory and neurodiagnostic services.

"The community has relied on the innovative, quality care delivered by Etobicoke General for over four decades, and it will continue to do so for many decades to come as this hospital moves steadily along on its journey," said Osler President and CEO Matthew Anderson. "Today's announcement is just one more example of the great progress we are making in our efforts to transform Etobicoke General into a hospital for the 21st century and provide the very best in diagnostics, treatment and technology to serve the community's growing health care needs."

To prepare the 43-year old building and systems for the new addition, Osler has begun an Early Works project. This includes replacing existing chillers, upgrading the heating plant, upgrading the normal and emergency power distribution systems, providing structural modifications to support the mechanical system upgrades, and providing integrated building systems connections for the new addition. Osler has also upgraded the hydro lands parking areas to create more parking spaces, improve traffic flow and enhance safety.

Osler is also in process of planning for the construction of a new Ancillary Services Building on the site. This building will house a number of outpatient programs/services and also allow Osler to foster new partnerships with other complementary organizations for innovation and education. Construction of the new building is anticipated to begin in spring 2016.

"Etobicoke General's journey has involved incredible effort and dedication of so many, inside and outside of the hospital, and a strong clinical team delivering high quality health care," William Osler Health System Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew commented. "The new four-storey wing will take health care at Etobicoke General to a new level. But first, we must raise funds for 100 per cent of the equipment for every service and program area, from the chairs in the waiting rooms to the high-tech diagnostic equipment. Now is the time for Etobicoke's extraordinary community to pledge their support to best-in-class health care for everyone served by this exceptional hospital."

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