

Important milestone reached in Peel Memorial redevelopment

Peel Memorial has reached another important milestone in its redevelopment journey.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) 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 new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness.

Over the next few months, the William Osler Health System's (Osler) redevelopment team and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) will evaluate the proposals from the three short-listed teams - Integrated Team Solutions, Peel 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 spring 2014.

"This announcement is great news for Brampton and the surrounding areas," said Osler Board of Directors Vice-Chair Neil Davis. "The new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness will be a forerunner of how health care is delivered in the future, with Osler health care providers, family physicians and community health partners coming together to provide exemplary health care services, in one convenient, campus-like setting."

Peel Memorial will provide specialized, patient-centred care in a state-of-the-art facility to ensure the community has access to a wide variety of traditional and alternative health care services within one convenient location. Space will also be created for education classrooms where patients and family members can learn from health professionals about how to take a more active role in managing their own health. Osler is currently on track to open the new facility in 2015-16.

"New and expanded services at Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness will improve access to important health services that people in our region rely on most, and provide more options for the hundreds of thousands of patients who receive care and treatment at Osler sites each year," said Osler President and CEO Matthew Anderson. "Further, this new hospital's focus on health, wellness and prevention will support people in managing some of the key health challenges facing our community, including chronic disease. We look forward to work beginning on the site of the new Peel Memorial in spring 2014."

Brampton has one of the highest birth rates in the province and a rapidly growing senior's community. The prevalence of diabetes in Brampton is among the highest in the province. The new Peel Memorial will offer area residents access to services that are needed most, including women's and children's health, senior's health and wellness, mental health and addictions, and high-tech diagnostics. "Over 80 years ago, community commitment made Peel Memorial a reality and there is no doubt that the health of our families is at the forefront of our values today," said William Osler Health System Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew. "It's exciting to know that the redevelopment milestones reached over the coming months will be shared with every supporter who accompanies us on our journey."

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