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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

Construction fences and the occasional crane will be seen at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) over the next few weeks as several construction projects get underway. They include a new roof with increased energy efficiency, a new boiler and various plant upgrades. In all, just over \$1 million in renovations are underway, thanks to special funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"We are pleased that the Ministry recognizes the need to continually improve CPDMH's infrastructure," notes Randy Shaw, Integrated Vice President, Corporate Support Services. "We want to ensure a safe and healthy environment for patients, visitors, volunteers and staff."

Funds are provided through the Ministry's one-time Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund which supports hospital facility renewal plans. Construction will take 6 to 8 weeks and there will be minimal disruption for patients and visitors.

"This work is above and beyond our new Emergency Department project," adds Randy Shaw. "Planning for the new ED is underway. The Ministry of Health has a five-stage planning and approval process for capital projects and we are currently at stage 2. We expect to begin construction within 36 months."

For details on any parking or entrance changes over the next 8 weeks, please visit the CPDMH website at www.cpdmh.ca The website also includes the latest information on the new ED at www.cpdmh.ca/redevelopment.

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