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ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCED FOR NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) has retained the services of Parkin Architects Limited to design the new Emergency Department. The firm was chosen following a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

"Parkin has an excellent reputation and extensive experience in the health care field," notes Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO. "We are looking forward to working with Parkin's local architects in Ottawa to design a new Emergency Department for our surrounding communities."

Over the past 60 years, Parkin has designed some of Canada's most notable buildings, including many hospitals. Robert Boraks is a Director at Parkin and also manages the Ottawa office: "Parkin is thrilled to be working with the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital team and the local community to develop the new Emergency Department. We look forward to working together on this exciting project."

The next step in the project is to finish the Functional Plan for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. This detailed look at programs and services will inform the design and layout of the new department.

Once the Functional Plan is approved, the project moves into Stage 3 which is Preliminary Design. During this stage, preliminary block and sketch designs are developed. As well, details about all major components, timelines and costs are prepared and submitted for approval.

At every stage, there will be numerous meetings with CPDMH staff to create a design that meets present and future needs and aspirations. In its submission, Parkin commented on the importance of listening to, and benefiting from, the experience and understanding of all stakeholders: "We will listen and we will support the community in delivering a project that inspires confidence and excitement. Our approach is one that factors in multiple stakeholders' needs to develop a final product that is tailored to each client's functional requirements and sustainability initiatives."

Construction is on track to begin within 30 months. For the latest information about the Emergency Department redevelopment, please visit www.cpdmh.ca/redevelopment.

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