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STAGE 3.1 OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REDEVELOPMENT APPROVED

The Ministry of Health has approved CPDMH's Stage 3.1 submission for the new Emergency Department (ED). The Ministry has a five-stage planning process and Stage 3.1 includes the preliminary block designs with details on all major components, timelines, and costs.

"This is wonderful news for our community as we continue this detailed planning for the new Emergency Department," notes Board Chair Carol Anne Esnard. "Thank you to the Board of Director's Capital Project Committee as well as everyone working on this project for their leadership and commitment – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic."

More good news - work on Stage 3.2 is also complete. The Stage 3.2 Sketch Plan focuses on more detailed physical planning documents and was submitted to the Ministry in late December. This submission includes mechanical, electrical, structural, and architectural design briefs with relevant drawings, phasing plans, building specifications, furniture and equipment lists, as well as updated cost estimates and project schedule.

Focus groups with staff and physicians have also been held to further discuss experiences during the COVID 19 pandemic. Chief of Emergency Dr. Marcia Spooner says these lessons will help to refine the overall plan: "We are excited to keep moving forward and to incorporate some of the learnings from the past few months into the design. We know what is needed to ensure we are prepared for these types of situations in the future."

The new ED will be linked to the hospital and will address current space challenges and enhance infection control standards. It includes 11 treatment spaces, which is an increase of five (or 83%) over the current ED. The new ED is being designed to improve patient flow for both walk-in patients, as well as patients arriving by ambulance. There will be a private family room inside the ED and more washrooms.

Once Stage 3.2 is approved, the planning team will move on to Stage 4 of the five-stage process. This is the pre-construction phase where details drawings and contract documents for tender are drafted and approved.

The CPDMH Foundation has launched a \$3 million comprehensive fundraising campaign for the new Emergency Department and needed patient care equipment for the hospital. A 22-community member campaign cabinet is being led by Co-Chairs, Lori Cavanagh and Richard Kidd with the team reaching out to leaders across the community to rally their support of the project. Once COVID-19 allows for the

public launch of the campaign, the community will be hearing much more about the campaign and the needs of the hospital. “We look forward to sharing more details about how you can join us in making a difference with your support as we enter into an exciting year ahead for our local hospital!” notes Foundation Executive Director Robyn Arseneau.

For more information about the Emergency Department, visit www.cpdmh.ca/redevelopment.

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