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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REDEVELOPMENT MOVES TO NEXT STAGE

The next stage of planning for the new Emergency Department (ED) at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital is underway. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved CPDMH's Stage 2 submission and the Hospital can now proceed to Stage 3 which includes preliminary design.

"Approval of our Stage 2 Functional Program is a major step and we are grateful to the Ministry and the Champlain Local Health Integration Network for their support," says Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO.

The Functional Program outlines the operations, staffing, major equipment, funding and space requirements for the new space. Phase 3 is the preliminary design phase. Details about all major components, timelines and costs will be prepared and submitted for approval.

"This phase also includes community consultation to provide an opportunity for input regarding the new facility," adds Mary Wilson Trider. "In particular, we want to ensure our neighbours are involved in the planning."

"Thank you to the Capital Projects Committee of the Board and everyone who has been involved in this planning, including hospital staff, physicians and volunteers, as well as members of our Patient and Family Advisory Committee," adds Board Chair Rob Clayton. "Together, we are building for the future and ensuring the best care close to home for patients and families in Carleton Place, Beckwith and surrounding communities."

The new Emergency Department 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 (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.

The CPDMH Foundation is planning a \$3 million fundraising campaign for the building and equipment costs.

For more information, visit www.cpdmh.ca/redevelopment.

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