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HHS Celebrates the Close of the Request for Proposals

Shovels aren't in the ground just yet, but that major milestone is just on the horizon.

On Friday, February 25, 2011, Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) celebrated a substantial milestone on the journey toward the New Oakville Hospital - the closing of the request for proposals (RFP) stage.

"On Friday the three pre-qualified teams bidding to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital were required to submit their proposals," explained Bill Bailey, HHS Vice-President of Redevelopment.

Over the next several months, Halton Healthcare Services and Infrastructure Ontario will evaluate the bidders' proposals based on criteria set out in the RFP. The preferred proponent is expected to be announced in May/June, when the evaluation process is complete.

Construction of the new facility is anticipated to begin Summer 2011.

"During the preliminary design presentations that took place over the past several months, staff and physicians provided feedback to the bid teams to help them refine their designs," continued Mr. Bailey. "It has been interesting to see how each of the teams' designs have evolved from their initial concepts and we are looking forward to seeing the innovative design solutions bidders have put forward."

In addition to design, teams will be evaluated on financial aspects of the project.

"We want to obtain the best value - so financing and cost are an important part of the evaluation," explained John Oliver, HHS President & CEO.

A Value for Money report on the project will be available in the weeks following financial close which is anticipated to occur Summer 2011.

"This is a significant step toward our goal of creating a new state-of-the-art healthcare facility in Oakville," concluded Mr. Oliver. "The construction of the New Oakville Hospital, with its modern equipment and improved layout and design, will allow us to expand programs, offer new services such as cancer care and improve our ability to provide the highest quality healthcare to our community. We are looking forward to the start of construction this summer."





It's all happening in 2011...

Request for Proposals Closed February 25, 2011

Since May 31, 2010, when the request for proposals was issued to pre-qualified bidders, teams have been working to develop detailed proposals to design, build, finance and maintain the New Oakville Hospital. On February 25, teams submitted their proposals to HHS and Infrastructure Ontario for evaluation.

Preferred Proponent Named Anticipated May/June 2011

Following a rigorous evaluation period, a preferred proponent will be selected from the companies that submitted bids to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital. Halton Healthcare Services will then enter into negotiations with the preferred proponent to work out details such as financing rates and final costs.

Commercial & Financial Close Anticipated July/August 2011

The project is expected to reach commercial and financial close in July/August 2011. At this time all relevant contracts will have been signed, a financing rate will be set and the project's costs are finalized. Final project costs will be announced publicly and construction is expected to begin shortly after.

It's Never too Early to Plan

If you have ever moved from one home to another, you know that the key to a successful move is good planning - but what does it take to move a hospital?

The New Oakville Hospital is scheduled to begin construction this summer and it is anticipated that the facility will be completed in 2015.

Although we are a number of years away from moving into the new facility, Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has already established an Operational Readiness Steering Committee to oversee the extensive work that will need to take place between now and opening day. This committee has already started to engage managers, physicians and staff from every department in the hospital to begin planning for the transition to the new building.

"To get people to start thinking about the move we asked them to envision how their department will operate in the new hospital - what will be the same and how things will change," explained Mary O'Driscoll, Director, Project - Operations Integration at Halton Healthcare Services (HHS). "We will be moving into entirely new space with different configurations and new systems - it's going to be a significant change and we need to make sure people are prepared."

*The right people,
with the right training,
in the right numbers,
at the right place,
with the right equipment
and technology working to
provide an exceptional
patient experience from
opening day onward.*

"Moving a hospital takes a tremendous amount of planning, excellent teamwork, proactive communication, attention to detail, and practice," continued Denise Hardenne, Senior Vice-President at HHS. "The transition team members will begin their work by asking many questions."

What sort of questions will the team bring forward to address? Such things as:

- What support departments have to be in the building before we move?
- How are we going to train staff in their new work environment?
- How will the hospital's Emergency measures procedures change?
- How will we move the patients on move day and in what order?
- What about staffing – how many people do we need on move-day and day-to-day in the new hospital?
- What about equipment – what moves and when?
- What new information systems will be in place before the move?

"The ultimate goal of operational readiness is to ensure the organization can continue to deliver safe and effective care as its staff, physicians and volunteers move into a new environment, with new processes, technology and equipment," concluded Ms. Hardenne. "Over the next several years, HHS will work to develop a comprehensive move strategy that will ensure the smoothest transition possible for both patients and staff."

Have You Imagined the Possibilities?



A place that welcomes you the moment you walk through the door.



Technology that is inviting - not intimidating



A space where you can heal with quiet and privacy and the support of family and friends

The images pictured above are examples of spaces in newly constructed hospital facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen to the current Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital?

Once the transfer of patients and services to the new facility is complete the current hospital will close.

The Town of Oakville has identified the property, which is approximately 14 acres, as a study area as part of the Town's official plan, Livable Oakville.

The property includes the existing hospital buildings and the old Oakville Trafalgar High School building.

To begin its consultation, the Town invited community members to participate in a visioning workshop on June 17, 2010. Summary notes from the workshop are available in the Planning Services section of the Town's website.

A second workshop is to be held in late Spring 2011, followed by a public open house in the Fall.

Town staff will then present their recommendations for the future use of the property to Council.

Find out more at www.oakville.ca/lo-otmhlands.htm.



Betty and Bruce Birmingham donate \$3.5 M to the New Oakville Hospital

Throughout the past 20 years Betty and her late husband Bruce Birmingham have demonstrated that they are people who genuinely care about their community and the people who live there. Their most recent gift of \$3.5 million brings their overall contribution to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) to more than \$8 million.

“Bruce was a huge believer that philanthropists who lived in Oakville, should actively support Oakville; he would even call them personally to encourage them to do so,” said Betty Birmingham. “But he not only encouraged and challenged them, he led by personal example.”

“The Birminghams are truly inspirational. As a former President of Bank of Nova Scotia, Bruce was a visionary and instrumental in fundraising for the hospital, especially in the founding of Oakville’s Bank Bed Challenge, which since its inception has raised more than \$600,000,” said Tina Triano, CEO of the Oakville Hospital Foundation (OHF). “I am delighted to announce the naming of our new cancer clinic as the Birmingham Cancer and Medical Day Care Clinic in honour of Betty and Bruce’s gift and the renaming of the Bank Bed Challenge as the Birmingham Bank Bed Challenge in honour of the late Bruce Birmingham.”

The oncology component of the Clinic will provide patient assessment, teaching, counselling, information, chemotherapy administration, blood transfusions, procedures and clinical trials for oncology patients. Radiation treatment will continue to be provided at nearby regional cancer centres.

The Medical Day Care services within the Clinic will provide specialized outpatient care for patients requiring minor medical treatments, therapies or procedures that require a stay of 4-6 hours, including blood transfusions, investigative procedures such as needle biopsies and intravenous (IV) injection therapy.

“Betty and Bruce have been supporting the Oakville Hospital for more than 20 years and their continued commitment to our community’s healthcare is truly phenomenal,” concluded John Oliver, President & CEO of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS). “This tremendous gift will put new technology directly into the hands of our doctors and healthcare professionals and will provide our patients with access to an enhanced level of healthcare, close to home. This generous donation will touch thousands of lives in our community.”

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Betty and Jennifer Birmingham (centre) are joined by (L-R) Tina Triano, CEO, Oakville Hospital Foundation; Mags Shorey, Chair, HHS Board of Directors; Dr. Lorne Martin, HHS Chief of Staff; Dr. Alexandra Ginty; Frank Lochan, Chair, Oakville Hospital Foundation Board of Directors; Eve Willis, Co-Chair, New Oakville Hospital Campaign; Bill Cooper, Co-Chair New Oakville Hospital Campaign; and John Oliver, HHS President & CEO.