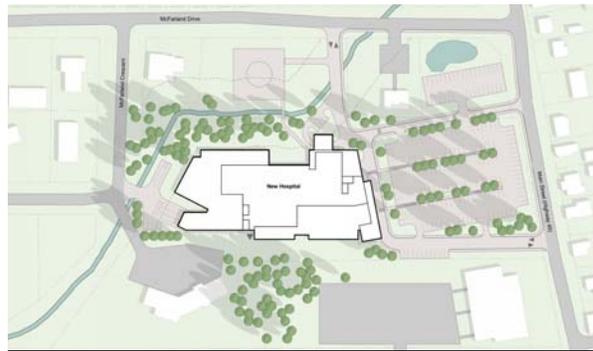


# Building Health Care in PEC

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## Next step in the process for a new PECM Hospital completed - 'Stage 1 Proposal' submitted to the Ministry for approval



As Fran Donaldson, PECMH Foundation Board Member, explains in her article on *page 2* of this update — the process to build a new hospital is long and involved. That's what makes the completion of each step along the way such an important milestone. The redevelopment project partners are pleased to report that the 'Stage 1' proposal is now complete.

In January of this year, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) approved the pre-capital submission—giving the green light to move to the 'Stage 1' proposal. This 500 page document focuses on the future Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital - including the recommended site for the new hospital, details of the hospital services over the next 35 years, a high-level space plan, and a cost estimate.

According to Bill Andrews, Director of Capital Projects at QHC, the hospital services outlined in the proposal maintains everything that the current PECMH provides including the 24 x 7 emergency department, endoscopy services and a gradual increase in the number of inpatient beds as the population needs increase.

The proposal includes the recommendation that the new hospital be built on the existing hospital site, with the current hospital remaining fully functional while the new hospital is being built. The project steering committee took a wide range of factors into consideration when selecting the preferred site, including input from approximately 350 community residents and partners.

The completed proposal has been approved by the QHC Board of Directors and goes to the South East Local Health Integration Network (SE LHIN) for endorsement before being submitted to the MOHLTC for approval.

Andrews predicts it will take approximately three months for the MOHLTC to review the proposal and it's likely the ministry will have questions that need to be addressed before approving the proposal. Once the proposal is approved, project partners can move forward with the 'Stage 2—Functional Program' - which includes a room-by-room definition of the new hospital based on the operational needs and space requirements and is the template document the architect will use to design the new hospital.

*PECMH Redevelopment Planning Partners: Quinte Health Care, Prince Edward Family Health Team, South East Local Health Integration Network, Municipality of Prince Edward County, Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.*

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Fran Donaldson, PECMHF Board Member

## First donors step up in support of new PECM Hospital

By Fran Donaldson, Vice-Chair of PECM Hospital Foundation

Recently a friend asked, “What’s happening with the new hospital?” A good question, I thought, deserving of a serious answer – although not easy in the limited space available here.

First of all, we need to realize it’s not like the good old days when a community could decide a hospital was needed, raise the money and **just build it!** Today, hospitals are regulated by the provincial government’s Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and our hospital is one of four that makes up Quinte Health Care, so our request for a new hospital comes from QHC, which has declared it to be the **#1 capital priority** for QHC and its Board of Directors.

Then the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) ensures that the request meets provincial priorities before it is submitted to the ministry. That process is well underway, supported by our partners in the municipal government, the Family Health Team and the PECM Hospital Auxiliary. But there are many stages to complete, and a new hospital is still years from being built.

While QHC prepares numerous and complex technical documents outlining plans for services and projecting health care needs for the next several decades, the Foundation also participates directly in the process. We are required to have a feasibility study by a specialized consulting company, which we have done. That study identified the level of financial support the community could likely contribute. So now we have a campaign plan and we will soon be hiring a campaign manager.

The Foundation must also provide a letter agreeing to raise the community share, so community support is vital. Happily, we have already seen some very encouraging signs. Here is a list of the first donors to step up:

- ⇒ Wellington Rotary - the first service club to begin fundraising for the project. The dinner-dance last Saturday was a great start!
- ⇒ Picton Home Hardware - the first business/corporate donor to make a gift to the campaign
- ⇒ Marion Smith - the first donor to re-designate her original planned gift to PECMHF to the redevelopment
- ⇒ Sandra Foreman – the first donor to make a memorial gift designated for the new hospital
- ⇒ PECMH Auxiliary – first to pledge a significant major gift of \$1M – all from volunteer efforts
- ⇒ Monica Alyea – first monthly supporter to direct/restrict her gifts to the redevelopment efforts
- ⇒ Estate of Malcolm Russell – the first bequest received that was earmarked for the new hospital
- ⇒ Doug and Lynda McGregor (*Doug McGregor is currently the Board Chair of QHC*) – first donors to make a multi-year commitment to the campaign, now in year five of a five-year pledge. Their first pledge gift was made in May 2014.

I think it’s clear: people in the County know WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL, and are willing to work for it. We at the Foundation sincerely appreciate your support and will work hard to fulfill the requirements and to honour your trust.

For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact Penny or Briar in the Foundation Office at (613) 476-1008 ext. 4503 or 4425 or visit [www.pecmf.ca](http://www.pecmf.ca).