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Kingston hospitals outline long-term vision *Patient needs drive plans for the next 50 years*

(Kingston ON) Kingston's hospitals unveiled further detail about hospital redevelopment plans today, confirming their plans to work closely together and with the provincial government to meet the health care needs of the residents of southeastern Ontario well into the future.

The plans highlighted today by the board chairs of Kingston's hospitals build on a framework announced November 19 by Kingston & The Islands MPP John Gerretsen and Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan. That announcement confirmed government support for the new plan put forward by the hospitals last year for hospital redevelopment in Kingston – including having Hotel Dieu Hospital (HDH) continue as the acute ambulatory care service provider in its downtown Kingston location.

The plans announced today by the hospitals include forecasts of the kind of space and capacity needs that will drive redevelopment priorities for the next 10-15 years, while also addressing anticipated needs to the year 2050.

Kingston General Hospital (KGH) and HDH have determined they can meet those long-term needs most effectively on their current sites. Providence Continuing Care Centre (PCCC) has confirmed the need to build a new facility to replace its St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Mental Health Services site with a single, purpose-built hospital at the current location of PCCC Mental Health Services at 752 King St. West.

“Today we are reaffirming our commitment to working together on behalf of the 500,000 patients of southeastern Ontario who rely on Kingston's hospitals for care,” says Ed Zarichny, chair of the board of Hotel Dieu Hospital. “This announcement builds on the strong working relationship we have developed with Kingston General Hospital and Providence Continuing Care Centre focused on delivering world-class care in a seamless manner to patients in our region today and well into the future.”

In late 2003, representatives from Queen's University, KGH, HDH and PCCC asked the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to modify the Health Services Restructuring Commission directions from 1998 to allow them to pursue a new redevelopment plan. One year later, they submitted a joint plan for Kingston's hospitals, proposing acute out-patient (ambulatory) care be consolidated at Hotel Dieu, consolidation of all acute inpatient care at KGH, consolidation of PCCC's complex continuing care, rehabilitation and mental health services at King Street West.

Over the past few months, the hospitals identified five joint redevelopment priorities for the first phase of redevelopment. They include:

- Expansion of the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario at KGH
- Consolidation of the PCCC Mental Health Services and the St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital programs at a new, single building at the King West site
- Transfer of the acute mental health inpatient unit from HDH to KGH
- Transfer of ambulatory clinics from KGH to HDH
- Expansion of the in-hospital renal dialysis unit at KGH.

The first four priorities were referenced in Minister Caplan's November 19 announcement, while KGH continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on the renal dialysis unit expansion. Several other projects are included in the hospitals' planned projections to the year 2020.

"Given the many needs of our hospitals, setting priorities is not easy. However, we feel we have a plan that not only meets the critical needs of patients, but does so in a responsible and effective manner," notes Larry Norman, chair of the PCCC board of directors. "Our plan is based on patient demographics, medical needs and more. It has also involved listening closely to the many patients and families who have spoken about the need to move ahead with redevelopment."

"As teaching hospitals, our plan includes important provisions to ensure we have the necessary space to continue to serve as clinical classrooms, providing quality educational experiences for the health-care professionals of tomorrow," notes John Hudson, KGH board chair. "By redeveloping Kingston's hospitals, we are strengthening health care for the entire region. Patients who come to Kingston from outside of the Kingston-Frontenac area for specialty service will receive timely, quality care, ensuring that community hospitals have the capacity to provide patients with important services close to home."

The strong hospital partnership extends to fundraising. The hospitals announced that a new joint fundraising organization has been formed to support ongoing needs for patient care, teaching and research and to support redevelopment plans once they are finalized and a capital campaign plan can be put in place.

"We are confident that our new foundation will provide a coordinated and effective fundraising effort to raise money for the hospitals' ongoing requirements as well as for hospital redevelopment," says Chris McElvaine, interim chair of the Kingston Hospitals Joint Advancement Foundation. "We are delighted to work together and excited about our first joint fundraising appeal for ongoing needs, which has been mailed to more than 20,000 donors in our community."

Working together, Kingston's hospitals provide a continuum of specialized health care in this region. Our teaching hospitals offer leading-edge clinical care, pioneering research and outstanding teaching opportunities through their affiliation with Queen's University. These dynamic partnerships translate into quality patient care for our community.

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