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Hotel Dieu submits sketch plan for major redevelopment project

Hotel Dieu Hospital has moved another step closer towards its future as the region's specialized ambulatory care centre with the completion of the sketch plan for its major redevelopment project.

Approved by the hospital's Board of Directors in April, the plan now awaits the stamp of approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

That approval is a critical milestone in the life of the redevelopment project because it will clear the way for Hotel Dieu to proceed with contract documents and drawings, the final stage in the design process. The hospital is optimistic that it will receive the Ministry's approval over the summer and that it can begin the final stage of design in September.

The redevelopment project focuses on the overhaul of 36,000 square feet of the hospital to create new clinic space for specialized outpatient clinics moving from Kingston General Hospital to Hotel Dieu. The clinic transfers will translate into another 50,000 outpatient visits annually at Hotel Dieu, where patients will benefit from both the convenience of one-stop ambulatory care and from clinical space designed for enhanced comfort and privacy.

The sketch plan digs into the details of redevelopment, including floor plans, required infrastructure (e.g., elevators, mechanical and electrical systems, information technology needs), equipment lists, a cost estimate and project schedule.

To help create the plan, Hotel Dieu drew upon the expertise and experience of five staff/physician design teams representing areas such as surgery, cardiology, medicine, urology, respiratory therapy, ambulatory clinics and patient records/registration. The teams worked closely with the Joint Planning Office, project architects and equipment consultants.

Together, they prepared a sketch plan that addresses:

- **building new generic clinic space on two floors—featuring patient treatment rooms, waiting areas, teaching space, specimen collection areas and more—to house the specialized outpatient clinics moving from Kingston General Hospital**
- **building a brand new Pulmonary Function Testing Lab**
- **renovating existing space to house a Cystoscopy Suite (for urology clinics).**

Also part of the design process were teams involved in the creation of a new Facilities Management department and modifications to the Hotel Dieu Gift Shop.

In addition to these groups, the standard project facility design team was engaged to ensure that maintenance, housekeeping, information technology, security/life safety, infection control and occupational health and safety requirements were incorporated into the sketch plan documents.

The redevelopment project is expected to go to tender by early 2010 and construction to begin in April 2010. The completion date is set for Fall 2011.

“We need to develop Hotel Dieu to its fullest potential as an ambulatory care centre so that patients can receive the right care in the right place,” says Ted Darby, vice-president of planning for Kingston’s university hospitals.

“This Hotel Dieu renovation project is an important part of an overall plan to enable our hospital partners, KGH and Providence Care, to focus on their own specialty roles.”