

BRIEFING NOTE: A REDEVELOPED HAMILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

About Our Healthy Future

Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) is doing long-range planning for our redevelopment over the next 20 years. The initiative is called *Our Healthy Future* and it requires a high degree of staff and community engagement. Redevelopment is a multi-year process for Ontario hospitals, requiring approvals from the Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Hamilton General Hospital: What we propose to change

Our long-term vision is to redevelop and enlarge two hospital campuses – **Hamilton General Hospital (HGH)** and **Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre (JHCC)** – and locate all of our acute-care services at these two locations over the next 20 years. The square footage of Hamilton Health Sciences will grow by 50 per cent, with the bed count increasing to 1,800 from 1,200 to meet the changing needs of our community.

The Hamilton General Hospital campus is already a significant and growing hub for hospital services in our region. During the last 10 years, the Regional Rehabilitation Centre and the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre were both built on the campus. However, HGH itself has had no significant redevelopment for more than 30 years.

Redevelopment of HGH is required to expand HHS' capacity to meet the growing demand for our regional services in stroke care, cardiac and vascular care, neurosurgery, burns and trauma. Redevelopment is also required to comply with modern standards for infection control, privacy and accessibility by expanding and upgrading clinical areas for both inpatients and outpatients, including expanding the Emergency Department. These changes will greatly improve our patients' care experience.

Why are we proposing this?

- The Hamilton General is one of the busiest hospitals in the province. The current facilities cannot support the predicted growth in both its regional and community role over the next 20 years.
- The existing Emergency Department is undersized relative to its high utilization rate and high acuity of patients seen.
- HGH is located in the urban core of Hamilton, an area with the highest hospital utilization among cities in Ontario.

- Physical space for patient care, physicians, students and researchers is currently at its limit, with no room for growth.
- The HGH campus has significant potential to support the growth of other HHS acute care services, such as the proposed construction of a new Children's and Women's Hospital.

What remains the same

- Hamilton General will continue to be one of the province's most important providers of regional hospital programs.

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ The HGH campus is a growing hub of acute care hospital services for our region, housing advanced medical expertise and technology
- ▶ HGH itself is one of the busiest hospitals in Ontario and needs major redevelopment
- ▶ The HGH campus would be the site of a new Children's and Women's Hospital

Where we are in the *Our Healthy Future* planning process

The *Our Healthy Future* (OHF) initiative is a redevelopment planning process that began in spring 2015. As of June 2016 we developed a vision for our future model of care and the facilities we'll need to deliver that care.

This work is now being reviewed by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

HHS has started work on the next stage of planning, which adds more detail to our high-level vision, including cost estimates, prioritization of projects and timelines for the vision to take shape.

There are a total of five stages in the redevelopment planning process that Ontario hospitals are required to use. The process can take several years to complete.

How can I learn more?

Please visit our OHF web site: www.OurHealthyFuture.ca. You can also email us with a question or comment at ourhealthyfuture@hhsc.ca.