

BRIEFING NOTE: A NEW CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S 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.

Children's and Women's Health Services: 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 Hamilton-based 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 changing community needs.

The **Children's Hospital**, and our women's health services (including Obstetrics and Gynecology) would re-locate from **McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC)** to a new building on the HGH campus.

Why are we proposing this?

- We operate the fastest-growing Children's Hospital in Ontario
- The MUMC site is owned by, and shared with, McMaster University, which gives us limited ability to expand or redevelop for future needs
- The outdated design and construction of the MUMC facility would make renovation and redevelopment more costly than new construction
- Developmental pediatrics is already located at the HGH campus (the new Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre)
- Women's health patients would benefit by being next to other adult acute care services at the Hamilton General

What remains the same

- HHS will continue to be the sole provider of regional, specialty programs in women's health and pediatrics.

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ **HHS' Children's Hospital has outgrown its current location at MUMC**
- ▶ **MUMC is a shared building owned by McMaster University**
- ▶ **Proximity to programs and services at the HGH campus would be beneficial for Children's Hospital and women's health patients**

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 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@hpsc.ca.