

BRIEFING NOTE: A NEW HOME FOR ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL PROGRAMS

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.

St. Peter's Hospital: What we propose to change

Four inpatient programs are currently located at St. Peter's Hospital: palliative care, restorative rehabilitation, complex medical and behavioural, for a total of 235 beds. Increasingly, patients served by these programs are more acutely ill and have a lower length of stay. This trend is expected to continue and it has implications for the future of the medical care these programs provide. The patient population is primarily older adults, although each of the four programs does serve adults of all ages.

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 four programs housed at St. Peter's Hospital would move to new, custom-built space at the Juravinski Hospital after this site is redeveloped.

This newly designed space, combined with existing acute-care services on-site at Juravinski Hospital, will allow us to meet the evolving needs of these patients and provide an even better care experience.

Why are we proposing this?

- We must plan for growth in these programs. As Hamilton region's population ages, the need for older adult health care, and also for those needing palliative, restorative rehabilitation, complex medical and behavioural services, will increase. The St. Peter's site is limited in its ability to grow. It is surrounded by a residential neighbourhood, where height and parking restrictions apply.
- The St. Peter's campus needs significant investment. The aging power plant must be replaced to meet current code requirements.
- There is no acute-care back-up at St. Peter's and patients who need these services

must be transferred out to another hospital, then back to St. Peter's, creating additional stress for both patients and families. Co-locating these programs at an acute-care site would make common procedures, such as the replacement of a feeding tube, a simple exercise instead of the multi-day arrangement it has become.

What remains the same

- Hamilton Health Sciences will continue to provide the programs and services currently located at St. Peter's. Only the location will change.

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ We must plan for growth in demand for the services currently provided at the St. Peter's campus
- ▶ St. Peter's campus is limited in its ability to expand to meet that growth
- ▶ Patients at St. Peter's are increasingly sicker and with more complex conditions, and need to be closer to other acute-care services

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.