

BRIEFING NOTE: REBUILDING WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL 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.

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH): What we propose to change

We are proposing a rebuilt WLMH that is home to four anchor programs:

- ▶ 24-hour Emergency Care
- ▶ Maternal & Newborn Care (providing low-risk births)
- ▶ Community Surgery (focusing on low-risk day surgery)
- ▶ Community Medicine (focusing on healthy aging and seniors' care)

WLMH would also provide specialty outpatient clinics in general internal medicine, pre-op, mental health, geriatrics, and advanced diagnostics (echocardiogram, ultrasound, proposed CT scanner)

Our Community Surgery program at WLMH would be dedicated to low-risk, same-day surgery/procedures in the areas of gynecology, urology, general surgery and endoscopy. We anticipate that a new facility will have four day-surgery suites and two procedure rooms, which would add to the current operating room capacity available across Hamilton Health Sciences.

Why are we proposing this?

- The building is in desperate need of replacement, since it was built in 1948 and cannot be extensively renovated
- Local family doctors are integrated in the care provided at WLMH. This makes it possible for us to develop new collaborative, population health models of care for patients and families in West Niagara

- Our proposed service model for WLMH would be fully integrated with other HHS programs and services, offering West Niagara residents seamless access to clinical expertise from across HHS
- Our proposed model is built on services identified as important by the community

What remains the same

- WLMH would remain a community hospital with 24-hour emergency care and a labour & delivery program – both elements were identified by local stakeholders as important.

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ **WLMH needs to be rebuilt**
- ▶ **Our proposed service model delivers what the community says is important**
- ▶ **The day surgery centre expands HHS' overall operating room capacity**

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.