

BRIEFING NOTE: A NEW CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL SPRING 2018

Our vision for a healthier city

Hamilton is undergoing an exciting renaissance, with growth and diversification. Our population is also aging, with an increasing amount of chronic disease, and we have long-standing challenges with poverty. Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) is planning for the future with these opportunities and needs in mind. Our vision includes:

- More focus on preventing health problems
- Helping people to better manage their health
- Providing care that is closer to home and easier to access
- Redeveloping selected hospital sites over the next 20 years

Children's and Women's Health Services: What we propose to change

Our long-term vision is to redevelop and modernize two hospital campuses – Hamilton General Hospital (HGH) and Concession Street campus (home of Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre)– and locate all of our Hamilton acute-care services there over the next 20 years. The square footage of Hamilton Health Sciences will grow by 50 per cent to meet modern standards of care.

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 Wellington Street, across the road from Hamilton General Hospital and adjacent to the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre. The adult clinics currently located at MUMC would be relocated to the other campuses as well as to the community.

Timing

The rebuilding of the children's and women's hospital, along with the redevelopment of Hamilton General Hospital, is proposed as the second phase of HHS' proposed redevelopments, with a time frame of approximately 10 years before beginning construction. The first phase is proposed to be the expansion and modernization of Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, and the rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, with a time frame of approximately five years to begin construction pending approvals and funding.

Why are we proposing this?

- We operate the fastest-growing Children's Hospital in Ontario and are outgrowing the space available at MUMC
- The MUMC site is owned and partially occupied by 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- The outdated design and construction of the MUMC facility would make renovation and redevelopment more costly than new construction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

Where we are in the planning process

- We are following a five-stage planning process required by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. We have completed Stage 1.
- Redevelopment projects are proposed to proceed in two phases:
 - **Phase one:** redevelopment of the Concession Street campus and rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, (anticipated five years to begin construction pending approvals and funding)
 - **Phase two:** redevelopment of the Hamilton General Hospital campus, which includes building a new children's and women's hospital (anticipated 10+ year time frame pending approvals and funding)
- Our overall vision for programs and services (Master Program) was endorsed in February 2018 by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network. We have submitted a detailed facilities plan (Master Plan) to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

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