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Central East Local Health Integration Network Board of Directors Endorse Campbellford Memorial Hospital's Proposal to Redevelop Hospital on a New Site

CAMPBELLFORD, ON – Campbellford Memorial Hospital's future includes the possibility of redevelopment and ultimately a new hospital. The Central East Local Health Integration Network's (Central East LHIN) Board of Directors endorsed a Pre-Capital Submission by CMH at its February 25 meeting. CMH's Pre-Capital Submission is based on a Master Plan or long-term redevelopment plan created by the hospital in 2014, which proposes redevelopment of the hospital facility on a new site, and is based on meeting the short, medium and long-term needs of the community served by the hospital and the hospital's current ability to meet these needs.

"We are thrilled with the Central East LHIN's endorsement of our future plans for Campbellford Memorial Hospital," says Tim Chenette, Chair, CMH Board of Directors, adding: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, physicians, our Board and many of our community health care providers who were part of the Master Planning process and whose vision for the future of health care in our community is reflected in these plans."

Central East LHIN endorsement of CMH's Pre-Capital Submission is the first step in a long-term Capital Planning Process that includes 5 stages after the Pre-Capital Submission. The next step will be to submit the Pre-Capital Submission to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for their review and endorsement.

"Our vision is to be a recognized leader in rural health care, creating a healthy community through service excellence, effective partnerships, and the development of innovative hospital services. With the redevelopment of our hospital, we are putting our strategic plans to work, ensuring we are a sustainable hospital delivering quality care and service excellence by enhancing our physical plant, equipment and technological infrastructure. We are bringing our vision to life," says Brad Hilker, President and CEO, CMH: "Redevelopment of the hospital will also build on the hospital's growing role as a Rural Health Hub, connecting more people to a full range of essential services."

"The CMH Foundation is also thrilled with the LHIN Board's endorsement of the Pre-Capital Submission," says Foundation Board Chair Calvin Newman. "On behalf of our donors the Foundation Board has been closely involved with the development of the Master Plan and is looking forward to helping move the project to the next stage, including engaging the community in the proposed re-development plans as they move ahead."

CMH's Master Plan contemplates a number of options for proposed changes that range from redevelopment of the existing site to ideally, the development of a new hospital and ambulatory care building. Currently, the estimated cost of a new hospital and ambulatory care building is \$132.7 million (including equipment).

"A new hospital is necessary to ensure that we continue to meet the growing health care needs of our community. Due to its age, the hospital's physical plant and facilities are falling behind in meeting current Ministry and provincially recommended health care standards and it would require significant investment to update," adds Hilker.

The existing hospital was built in 1953 with major renovations and additions in 1968, 1973, and 1986. The oldest portions of the facility – Inpatient Units, Ambulatory Care, Surgical Suite/Day Surgery – now exceed 60 years in age, while the newest – the Emergency Department, Lab and Diagnostic Imaging area – are 30 years old.

"The healthcare landscape is always shifting and CMH must be prepared for the needs of an increasingly aging population, creating opportunities for collaboration and partnership with other health care providers and taking advantage of technological advancements that are impacting the way care is delivered. This is a long-term planning process and as we move forward with our plans, we remain committed to ensuring high quality relationships among community service providers and we will continue on our path of success as a recognized Centre of Excellence in smaller community and rural health care," says Hilker, adding: "Ultimately we are creating a path for the future to ensure that our hospital and community-based services can be delivered in a way that improves access to high-quality services, creates readiness for future health system changes and makes the best use of the public's investment in their health care."

Background:

Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 34-bed health care facility located in Trent Hills. It serves approximately 30,000 Northumberland, Peterborough and Hastings County residents, as well as a large seasonal population of cottagers and tourists enjoying the beautiful Kawartha Lakes Region and the Trent River System. As the only hospital located between Belleville and Peterborough, Ontario, CMH provides a comprehensive array of acute care services. The Hospital's 24-hour Emergency Department has approximately 20,000 visits each year. To ensure comprehensive, coordinated, patient and family-centred care that meets local needs, the Campbellford Memorial Hospital's community health care campus partners include: Trent Hills Family Health Team; Campbellford Memorial Health Centre; Campbellford Memorial Multicare Lodge; Campbellford and District Community Mental Health Centre; as well as other area hospitals and community agencies. These partners ensure you receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

Master Program/Master Plan is an Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care requirement for any major decisions around programs, services, lease and/or sale of property. Without a Master Program/Plan, the Ministry will not consider additional uses of land owned by CMH, or significant changes to programs or services.

CMH's Master Plan reflects long-range plans to best accommodate the services the hospital should be providing to its community as a Rural Health Hub. Serving as a Rural Health Hub and working with community partners, CMH would connect more people to a full range of essential services they need including Primary Care, Hospital Care (Acute In-patient, Out-Patient Services, and Emergency Care), Long-Term Care, End of Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions and Community Support Services.

The goals of CMH's proposed Master Plan are to:

- Determine the current and projected demographics, assess the potential to improve clinical use/efficiencies, and project clinical program facility requirements to achieve current health care planning standards.
- Define the most effective strategy for hospital redevelopment
- Maintain the continuity of service to the community throughout the redevelopment
- Enhance the patient and family experience, including privacy and confidentiality
- Ensure effective clinical functionality
- Provide optimum site usage with mid-to-long term expansion capability
- Ensure effective use of capital and operating dollars
- Define the most viable option for short and long term functionality.

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