

Planning, design and conformance team selected for WLMH rebuild

The West Lincoln Memorial Hospital project is moving forward with the selection of B+H Architects / mcCallumSather as the planning, design and conformance (PDC) team.

As the PDC team, B+H Architects / mcCallumSather will prepare project documents, including output specifications that will form the guidelines and performance requirements the successful building team must meet when preparing the design. The PDC team will also monitor construction progress and provide coordination and oversight during commissioning, completion, and transition to the new hospital.

The West Lincoln Memorial Hospital project will involve constructing a new, larger hospital on the property behind the existing facility. Features will include:

- Acute inpatient beds
- A 24-hour Emergency Department
- Maternal and newborn services
- Day surgical services including endoscopy and minor procedures
- Increased outpatient (ambulatory) care space to expand availability of consultation services closer to home
- Advanced diagnostics including X-ray, mammography, echocardiography and ultrasound, and CT scanner

The project will be delivered under Infrastructure Ontario's public-private partnership (P3) model, which transfers the risks associated with design, construction and financing a complex hospital project to the private sector. The new facility will be publicly owned, controlled and accountable.

As the next major step, Hamilton Health Sciences and

Infrastructure Ontario will issue a request for qualifications (RFQ), inviting teams to submit their credentials to design, build and finance the hospital. The RFQ is expected to be released in early 2021.

Quotes:

Building a new hospital requires leadership and support from so many, including hospital staff and physicians, government, elected officials, teams of external experts, and the local community. We are grateful to all those who have helped to advance this important project and look forward to working with B+H Architects / mcCallumSather as we continue to make progress towards planning for a new WLMH.

Rob MacIsaac, President & CEO, Hamilton Health Sciences

I am very pleased to see this important step towards our new hospital proceed. I am grateful that the Minister of Health and Premier have responded to the advocacy of many constituents in Niagara West by expediting the process to build a new WLMH. This critical health care infrastructure project will serve many families, seniors, and mothers in Niagara West and beyond.

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West