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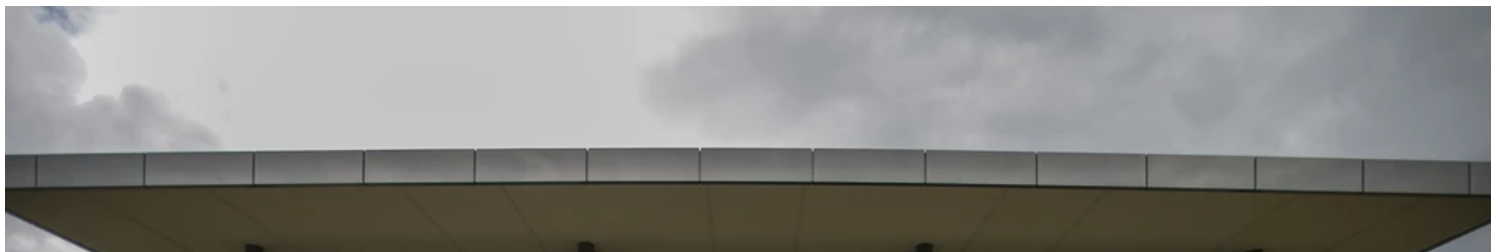


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Hotel-Dieu Grace to get mental healthcare beds and expand downtown

Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's Tayfour campus will receive 60 mental healthcare beds from the Ouellette campus and another mental health service satellite operation will open at Hotel-Dieu's original home on Ouellette Avenue, according to plans for the proposed mega-hospital.

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The exterior of Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare is pictured Tuesday, July 14, 2015. (DAX MELMER/The Windsor Star)

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60-beds coming from Ouellette campus for acute mental health wing

Addition of dialysis services and expansion of diagnostic imaging

Windsor Regional Hospital Urgent Care Centre (former Grace hospital site)

Construction of four-storey, 80,022-square-foot building for treatment of non-life threatening issues

Diagnostic services (CT scanner), chronic disease management, laboratory services and pharmacy

Open 18 hours per day

Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (Ouellette Campus)

Outpatient mental health services and chronic disease management

Construction of Transitional Stability Centre and Wellness Centre

Demolition of existing buildings except for parking garage

Windsor Regional Hospital (Metropolitan Campus)

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City of Windsor assumes ownership of site

Demolition of existing buildings and site cleanup

Re-development of site for residential and or commercial use

Windsor Regional Hospital (Mega-Hospital site)

Construction of a 1.6-million-square-foot, 10-storey hospital at eastern corner of County Road 42 and Ninth Concession

All existing services will be available

Hospital will have 500 beds at opening with capacity to increase for projected needs

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Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare will also take over operation of what is currently Windsor Regional Hospital's Ouellette campus.

The existing buildings at the Ouellette site will be torn down, except for the parking garage, and a community hub will be erected on the 9.8-acre property.

A wellness centre will be a central feature of the new facility that's aimed directly at providing outpatient mental health services and educational programs to the downtown community.

The Transitional Stability Centre will also be located at the site.

Janice Kaffer, CEO and president of Hotel-Dieu Grace, said members of the downtown community will be consulted to see what other programs they'd like to see at the site.

In addition to the 60-bed acute mental health wing to be built at the Tayfour campus on Prince Road, there will also be an addition of dialysis services and an expansion of diagnostic imaging.

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“We envision changing the landscape for mental health services delivery,” Kaffer said.

“It allows us to create a seamless system for mental health treatment and transition. It allows for going to one place to receive services and minimizes the need to access ERs.”

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While much of the public's focus has been on the selection of the mega-hospital's site at the eastern corner of County Road 42 and Concession 9, local health-care officials have been crafting a much broader vision of local care.

“In building an acute (mega-hospital) site, we were also designing a system,” said Gary Switzer, a member of the site selection committee and CEO of the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network.

“This considers all the needs of acute and sub-acute care.”

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No community in Ontario has had the opportunity to redesign its health-care system in such a fashion, said David Musyj, CEO and president of Windsor Regional Hospital.

“It’ll redefine health care in our community,” he said.

Musyj said the plan was submitted to the Ministry of Health a month ago for review. He said the hope is to hear back from the government as early as next year.

“We’re at a pivotal point in the project in trying to get approval to proceed to Stage 2,” Musyj said. Stage 2 will see the capital planning, program design and staffing needs studied.

It’ll take four to five years before the first shovel goes into the ground once the green light is given. It’ll be another two to three years of construction before the new building’s doors are open.

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