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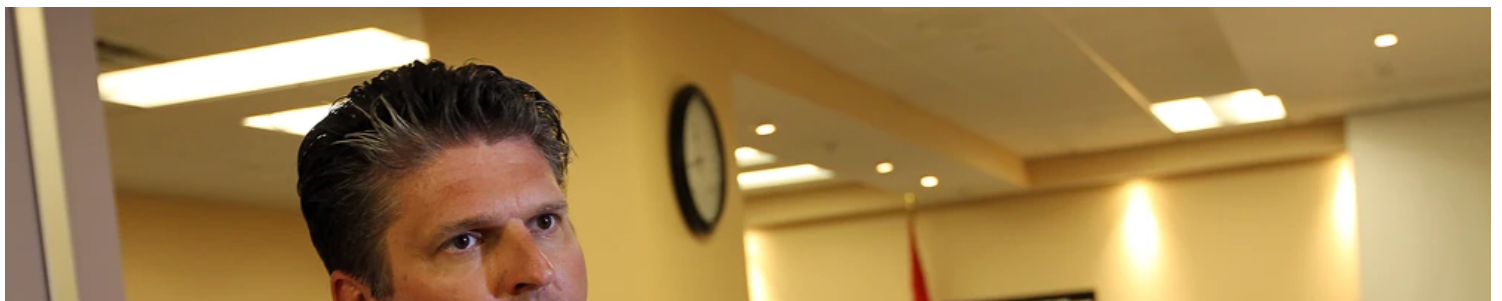


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# New megahospital to have 80 per cent private beds

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David Musyj president and CEO of Windsor Regional Hospital, is pictured in this file photo from September. (TYLER BROWNBRIDGE/The Windsor Star)

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The new hospital will have about 80 per cent private and 20 per cent semi-private rooms, in contrast to the hospital's current campuses where it's 80 per cent semi-private and 20 per cent private, Musyj told a meeting attended by about 100 people at Heritage Auditorium at the University of Windsor.

“It really helps with infection control,” said Musyj, noting that it's the trend among new hospitals being built across the province. There would be no extra charge for a private room.

The meeting was hosted by Mayor Drew Dilkens and provided information on the process involved in planning for the new hospital, and where in the process they are currently.

Even in the semi-private rooms there will be one toilet per patient, Musyj said, known as the “one butt per toilet” theory.

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“Toilets are the quickest way to spread infection,” Musyj said.

The new rooms will be much more spacious and will have much more space and furniture to allow people visiting their loved ones to stay overnight and shower.

The hospital will also have a divided ventilation system, so that if one sector is contaminated with an outbreak, it will not spread throughout the building.

Musyj said another trend in the province is building hospitals on land where there is room for expansion, something that a landlocked space deep in an urban environment doesn't provide.

“They want you to have the ability to expand on the existing property,” said Musyj.

He also told the audience that he was about to announce the location of the new hospital, but then laughed.

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“If you came here to hear the site of the new hospital, you’re at the wrong meeting,” Musyj said.

He said the site selection process is well underway and whatever site is chosen, someone will be unsatisfied with it.

“We know at the end of the day, wherever this hospital is located, we are going to be wrong,” Musyj said.

Musyj said staff from Windsor Regional have travelled to other new hospitals in the province such as Humber River in Toronto and Halton Healthcare in Oakville. He said Windsor taxpayers have helped to fund new hospitals elsewhere and now it’s this region’s turn.

“You’re paying for Oakville, you’re paying for Humber, so it’s about time the province pays for a new hospital for Windsor-Essex,” said Musyj, which was followed by applause.

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