

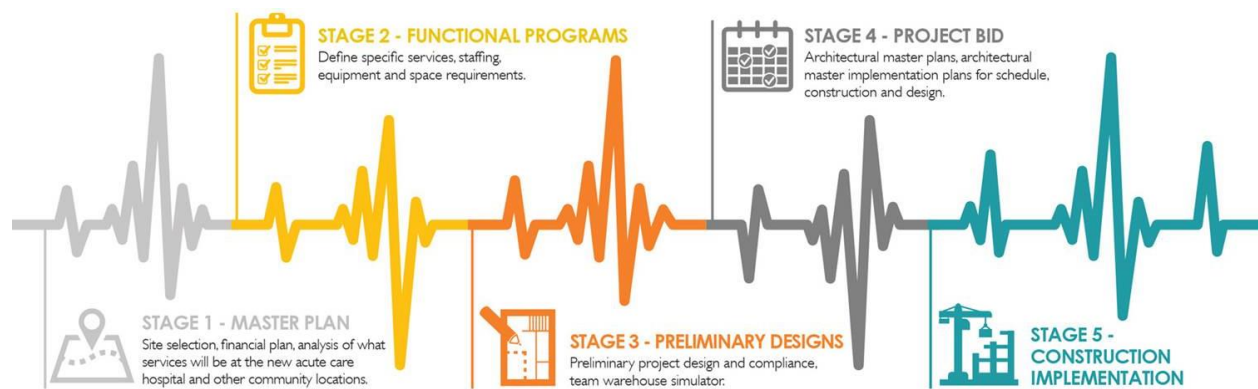
### What is the Windsor-Essex Hospitals System?

The Windsor-Essex Hospitals System is a proposed \$2 Billion investment in local healthcare that will modernize infrastructure and improve accessibility for patients in the region. It includes the following:

- A state-of-the-art hospital at County Rd. 42 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Concession to replace Windsor Regional Hospital's two existing outdated acute care campuses. The hospital will include 80% single-patient rooms to increase patient privacy and decrease the threat of infection.
- An Urgent Care/Satellite Facility at the former Grace Hospital Site to provide a new model of emergency care to patients in the city's core. The facility will also include diagnostic imaging, primary care services, chronic disease management a laboratory and pharmacy.
- A Centre of Mental Health Excellence including a 60-bed acute mental health wing at the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, Tayfour Campus, on Prince Rd. This will offer a single-point of entry into the mental health system. The plan also includes increased diagnostics and dialysis at this site.
- Outpatient mental health and a community hub at the Ouellette Campus.
- The demolition of the current Met Campus and a clean transfer of the property to the City of Windsor in exchange for the Grace Hospital site.

### Where are we at in the planning?

The Steering Committee has completed the first stage of a 5-stage planning process and is currently waiting for approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to move to the next stage.



# THE NEW WINDSOR-ESSEX HOSPITALS SYSTEM

## Just the Facts, Please!

COMMON MYTHS	FACTS ABOUT THE NEW WINDSOR-ESSEX HOSPITALS SYSTEM
The new hospitals system will have fewer beds.	The Windsor-Essex Hospitals System includes the <b>same number of beds</b> as currently exist with room to expand based on the region's projected future needs. 60 acute mental health beds are moving to the Tayfour campus.
The proposal contains nothing for residents in the city's core.	The proposal contains <b>\$300 million worth of investment in healthcare facilities in downtown Windsor</b> . This includes an Urgent Care Centre at the currently vacant, former Grace Hospital site, and outpatient mental health services at the Ouellette Campus.
The proposed Urgent Care Centre is no different than a walk-in clinic.	Urgent care is a new model of emergency care. The centre will be staffed by hospital emergency room staff and physicians and contain a CT scanner, a pharmacy and a lab. <b>Ninety percent of current WRH emergency room patients are not admitted to hospital and many of those patients would receive quicker treatment at a hospital-run urgent care centre.</b>
The site for the new acute care hospital is inaccessible.	Accessibility was the number one criteria used to select the site. <b>The new site is as accessible or more accessible to patients, staff, physicians and physician offices than the current two campuses.</b> The plan also includes additional services in downtown Windsor (urgent care, mental health, chronic pain management, dialysis, primary care etc.) and additional services in Windsor West at the Tayfour Campus (dialysis, diagnostics, acute mental health) to improve accessibility throughout the entire system. Transit Windsor will provide service to the new hospital when it opens.
Members of the public did not have a say in this plan.	There have been 55+ town hall discussions and other opportunities for individuals to ask questions and give feedback. In addition, members of the public were invited to give feedback on the criteria used to select the site and apply for a seat on the site-selection subcommittee. <b>Experts involved in this project have described the level of community engagement as 'unprecedented.'</b> Community involvement will continue to be an integral part of the process in future planning stages.
The cost of roads and other infrastructure to support the new hospital will range from \$200 - \$400 million.	<b>The cost of the roads "required" for a new hospital at County Road 42 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Concession is approximately \$22.9 million</b> according to planners working on the new hospital project. Additional road projects, like the Lauzon Parkway Extension are not related to or required for the new hospital. These projects will be done regardless of when and where the new hospital is built.
Patients will be charged more for private rooms.	Hospitals built today must have 80% private rooms to limit the spread of infection and increase patient privacy. <b>Those who do not have coverage for a private room will receive a free room upgrade</b> if there are no semi-private or ward rooms available.
The region needs to rethink the existing plan.	This plan was created by a Steering Committee with representatives from the City of Windsor, County of Essex, all area hospitals, the Essex County Medical Society, the Erie St. Clair LHIN and CCAC. Planning to date has taken approximately 4 years and cost \$2.5 million which was paid for by the province. The plan has received overwhelming support and both Windsor City Council and Essex County Council have committed to covering the \$200 million local share. There is no reason to start over and no additional money to do so. <b>The alternative to not moving forward with this plan is operating out of the two existing insufficient and outdated facilities.</b>

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