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Keeping you informed on progress and plans for the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital Project. Brought to you by the Project Management Office.

## Project Vision

*Create a state-of-the-art treatment and healing environment for all of those who we care for; a supportive workplace with the latest technologies to allow all of our staff to provide the most efficient and highest quality care, in a new hospital that supports well-being and has the capacity to provide timely, patient and family-centred care for generations to come.*

## User groups get first look at early diagrams

*User Groups working on the new hospital project had an opportunity to review and comment on the first set of draft block diagram plans as part of a series of meetings with Stantec in mid-January.*

Stantec Architects developed the block diagrams based on parameters outlined in the Functional Program and information gathered at a recent “gaming session.” During the session, department leadership had the opportunity to place department block “cutouts” into mock floor plates – both horizontally and vertically – essentially building a new hospital.

The diagrams show where each clinical

and non-clinical service could be located within the new facility, as well as entrances, dedicated elevators and corridors for both patients and staff. They also show the initial building placement on the site and parking potential.

“These are early diagrams,” cautioned Stantec Team Lead Deanna Brown. “We have to put a planning option down in order to get feedback and ask questions before we take another run at this.”

The initial high-level layouts take into account relationships and adjacencies detailed in the functional program as well size and as space requirements on opening day and a decade down the road.

The challenge for the designers is to get

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all programs and services defined in the Functional Program into a large floor plan, while minimizing walking distance for staff, patients and visitors and ensuring a

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At a “gaming session” in December, representatives from all programs and services had an opportunity to work with block “cutouts” that represented each department to test possible high-level block design options for the new hospital on a campus site plan. Information gathered in these sessions was used in the development the first set of early block diagrams.



*Sample block diagram plan, courtesy of Stantec. This drawing shows all programs and services on an entire floor and their locations in relation to other each other as well as entrance points, elevators and the hallway circulation route. This is a sample of the work being done in this stage and is not related to the current project.*

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smooth and efficient traffic flow.

Over the course of seven 3-hour planning sessions, all clinical and non-clinical User Group members had the opportunity to examine the location of their departments, identify any issues and suggest alternatives if required.

The meetings also provided an opportunity for Stantec to clarify and better understand the flow of patients between different programs and services, and the needs of the new hospital before moving forward with the plans.

“We received a firehose of information during these conversations,” said Brown.

The Stantec architects will now use the many comments received to refine the block diagram plans - incorporating the group’s suggestions where possible. The revised diagrams will then be shared with

User Group members for review during the next round of meetings scheduled to take place the week of February 20.

Brown says there will be more opportunities for input from User Groups before the block diagrams are finalized.

“The idea is to get it right so this is a great place for patients to come for care and staff to work.”

Once the hospital Board of Directors approves a completed set of diagrams, the documents will be shared with the Ministry of Health as part of a submission including the Functional Program and early cost estimates this spring.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Block diagrams make up less than 1/10th of the final hospital design plan requirements.*

In the next Stage scheduled to begin in the fall of 2023, Stantec will continue working on department layouts in more detail, showing overall building circulation (horizontal and vertical) and building systems, and confirm space requirements. This work, known as Indicative Design,

will provide more insight into overall building flow and a 3-D visual design. The Indicative Design represents approximately 25% of the design.

The remainder of the design will be completed following a tendering process currently scheduled to begin in 2025. The successful bidder will complete the remaining 75% of the design based on parameters established in previous planning work and build the hospital. Learn more about the design process in the [June edition of the PMO Report.](#)

## Minister of Health committed to an accelerated project timeline

*Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones reaffirmed her government's commitment to moving the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital project forward without delay.*

Jones was in Windsor with Premier Doug Ford in January to announce a \$30-million investment in hospital equipment including a new catheterization table and a new LINAC radiation machine and bunker.

During a news conference, Jones said the province recognizes the need for a new hospital, as well as updates to current facilities now to address an expanded need for service in the region.

“What we are saying is, ‘Yes, you need, and you deserve a new hospital. Absolutely we will get that new hospital. But in the meantime, there are things we can do to invest and make sure that your care increases in the interim.’”

Any equipment – including equipment announced today - that has usable life will be moved to the new acute care hospital. The renovated space to temporarily house the new Cath Lab will also be used for other outpatient procedures once the Cath Lab moves to the new acute care hospital.

During an interview with Mike Kakuk and Lisa Williams on AM 800's The Morning Drive, Jones said the hospital plans are proceeding well.



*Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, speaking at a news conference on January 18, 2022.*

“We are working very closely with Windsor Regional Hospital to get it done as quickly as possible. We understand the need and we want to expedite,” she said.

Construction, which was originally set to begin in 2027, is now scheduled to start in the summer of 2026 as was noted in Infrastructure Ontario's November 2022 Market Update. During the interview, the Minister expressed confidence in this accelerated timeline.

“We do have to go through the due process, but I am hopeful that with the excellent partners we have in Windsor-Essex, as well as a strong commitment from Premier Ford and our government, that we will be able to move those timelines up.”



## Town Hall Sessions Planned for March

As the design of the new hospital starts to take shape, the Project Management Team is gearing up for another round of town hall meetings to share these early designs and invite feedback.

Two town hall sessions are being planned for March – one in English and one in French.

Last year, WRH invited the community

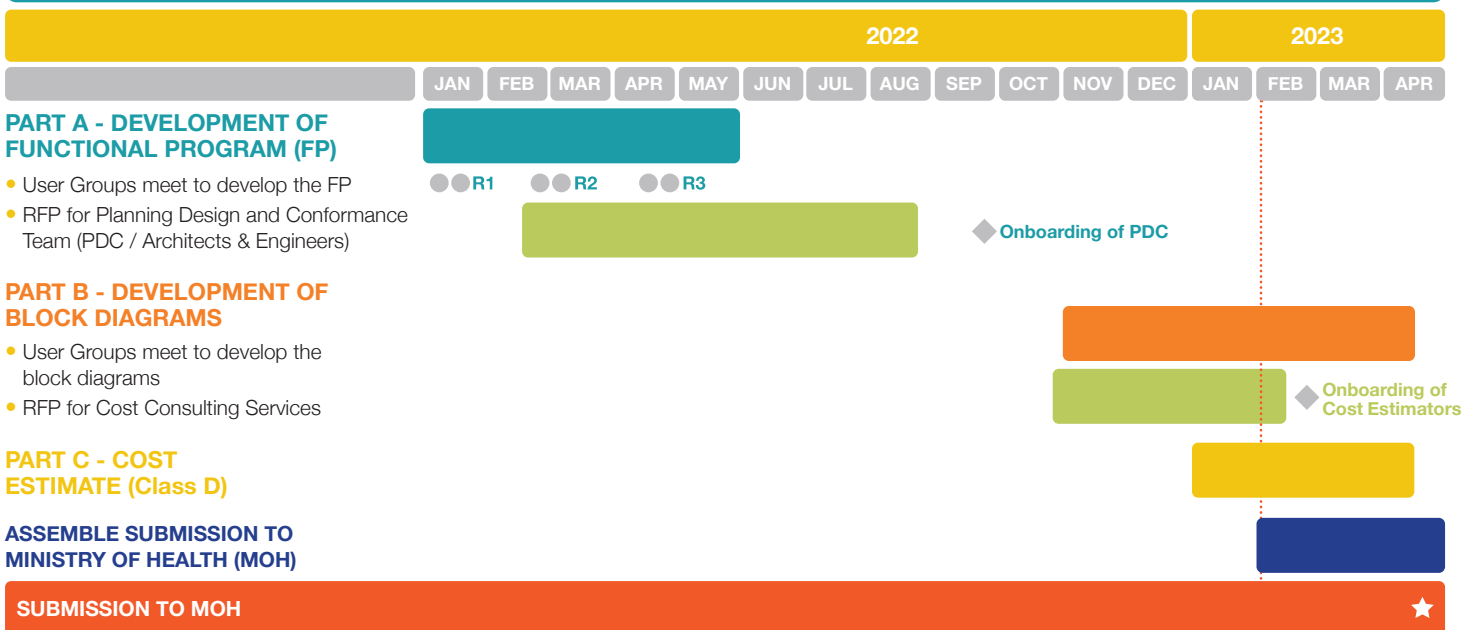
to share their vision and ideas for the design of the new hospital, participate in a series of town halls, learn more about different program and services areas in the new hospital and ask questions. The feedback received during the “Together We Build” engagement series is available in a [summary document](#) on the project website.

During the upcoming town hall sessions, participants will learn how public input is helping to shape the developing design. They will also get a peek at early DRAFT drawings, meet the architects working on the plan, get updates from members of the planning teams, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

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## DRAFT SCHEDULE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM & BLOCK SCHEMATICS



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