

## 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.*

**Learn more about the project and subscribe to the project email list for updates at [www.WindsorHospitals.ca](http://www.WindsorHospitals.ca)**

## Groundwork in 2025 to Support Groundbreaking in 2026

It's a question Windsor Regional Hospital staff get asked often, and one that will undoubtedly come up at holiday gatherings again this year: When will construction on the new hospital begin?

This year, following an intense twelve months of collaboration and groundwork, we can confidently say – it's happening – not just in this lifetime, but in the new year.

As we approach the end of 2025, we want to take a moment to share highlights from this year that will set the stage for a pivotal new year.

## 2025 Highlights:



 **EllisDon**

**diamond schmitt**

## Team Assembled to Complete Stage 1

Around this time last year, WRH announced plans to move forward with the first phase of the project, including an Education and Administration Centre, parking garage and site infrastructure. Following a competitive selection process, [Diamond Schmitt Architects was selected to lead the planning and design and EllisDon selected as Construction Manager to deliver the project](#). On December 22, EllisDon issued a Request for Qualifications on [merx.com](#) inviting subcontractors interested in being part of the construction team for this stage to submit a proposal. Construction is set to begin in 2026.

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## A New Name for the New Hospital

In recognition of a transformational gift of approximately \$40 million from the estate of the late John Thomas Fancsy, [the new hospital will be named The Fancsy Family Hospital](#). John and his family have deep roots in Windsor-Essex and have made major contributions to the success of the region. The naming recognition was announced in August 2025 and will ensure everyone who walks through the doors at the new hospital is reminded of this generosity.



## Together We Build

In anticipation of the next planning stage, the Redevelopment Team and WRH User Group Members have been working closely with the Stantec Architecture Ltd. and Agnew Peckham Health Care Planning Consultants to shape the future hospital through two key components: The Indicative Design and the Output Specifications (OS).

- **Indicative Schematic Design:** This sets out schematic layouts for hospital departments, building flow, and system planning. It includes master site plans, building massing, room layouts, and further developed visuals of the future hospital, all reflecting WRH's commitment to patient- and family-centred care.
- **Output Specifications:** These documents outline all design and technical performance requirements for the new hospital.

Upon completion of these draft documents, WRH staff and professional staff were invited to view the drawings, learn more about the plans, and provide feedback both online and during two open house events. Input received has been shared with the planning team and incorporated – where appropriate – into the final plans.

These two document sets will form a key part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) when it is released next year as part of the competitive process to select a team to complete the design and build of the new hospital.



In December, more than 400 staff and professional staff members participated in two open house sessions to share feedback on the evolving concept plans for the new hospital.

## Public Invited to Provide Input on New Corporate Name

Following the announcement of the new hospital name, WRH began a [corporate renaming and rebranding process](#).

Staff, professional staff and the community were invited to share their thoughts on the future name and brand. More than 1,700 people took the opportunity to have their say on a new look and name that defines the organization today, incorporates our future vision, and honours the legacy of our past. A new corporate name for the organization is expected to be announced in 2026.



For more than 30 years, Windsor Regional Hospital has served as the corporate name, representing its identity and history. As the organization continues to evolve as a leader in regional health delivery, the name no longer accurately reflects the services offered, the communities served, and the role the organization plays in the health system.

## What's in store for 2026?

Expect 2026 to be a year of growing momentum and milestones for The New Fancsy Family Hospital Project, including groundbreaking for Phase 1 - an Education and Administration Centre, site works and a parking garage - and the start of the tendering process to select a design builder for the main facility.

As the project enters a pivotal year, it is important to recognize the collective support of a dedicated and united community committed to modernizing hospital infrastructure in Windsor-Essex and getting a new hospital built. This includes elected representatives, community leaders, donors, hospital staff and professional staff, patients, and partners who have generously contributed their time, insights, and expertise throughout the planning process – helping to shape and advance this new state of the art hospital for this region.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to another year of partnerships and progress in 2026!