# Love the County Back the Build 😂

PEC IS GETTING A NEW HOSPITAL! 🔇



Architectural rendering of the new Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital (PECMH).

The Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation (PECMHF) is raising \$27M to help build a new hospital in Prince Edward County (PEC). The new 96k square foot, leading edge hospital is on schedule to open in 2027 with shovels going into the ground in spring 2024.

The \$27M will cover the 10 percent of the cost of the bricks and mortar component of the hospital build, and 100 percent of the medical equipment. The other 90 percent of the hard construction costs will be covered by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC).

### WHY? 📀

With over 60 years of service, the physical structure of our County hospital is nearing the end of its ability to meet today's standards of medical care. Enhanced patient comfort, increased infection control measures and the ability to accommodate advanced medical technology are examples of the improvements people will see and experience.

#### EQUIPPING OUR NEW HOSPITAL!

A portion of the funds raised will purchase the major medical equipment needed for the new hospital and incorporate environmental sustainability enhancements and smart

technology into the design. These improvements will help our Care Champions and the patients who visit our hospital over 43,000 times per year.



Funds raised between now and 2027 will equip our hospital with a **Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner** for the first time in our hospital's history. Funds will also help purchase Digital Mammography Equipment and a Digital Radiography (X-Ray) Machine.

A CT scan is a minimally invasive way to capture images that provide more-detailed information than regular x-rays do. In 2022, patients from PEC required a CT scan at another Quinte Health hospital close to 2,150 times.

**Digital mammography** plays a critical role in the early screening and diagnosis of breast disease. Approximately 1,550 exams are done in Picton each year.

#### INVESTING IN SMART HOSPITAL TECHNOLOGY 😂



Hospitals are becoming more digital and interconnected through 'smart' hospital strategies. Creating a smart hospital environment involves modernizing the patient and clinician journeys by applying technologies to transform healthcare and improve productivity.

A 'smart' patient room is a room that makes use of 'smart' electronic devices. This technology means that devices are now fitted with Internetconnectivity, allowing patients and caregivers to send and receive data, and effectively communicate with one another. A smart patient room can allow for voice-based interactive devices to call nurses or dim the lights. As well, smart hospital design features, such as large open spaces and gardens, can also alleviate patient fears associated with hospitals. Patient comfort, safety, and dignity are at the forefront of every decision being made!

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ENHANCEMENTS

An example of an environmental sustainability enhancement is the use of mass timber. It is a material that is used as an alternative to steel. Our architects are working on a plan that will position the new PECMH to be the first hospital in all of North America to have a mass timber frame. With that and the other environmental enhancements that are being explored will allow for our hospital to be net carbon zero, thus making operating the hospital more efficient and better for our environment.

#### WHY SHOULD YOU BACK THE BUILD? 📀

With your support, we can ensure our Care Champions working in the new hospital are able to serve the needs of the entire community from an inclusive, diverse, and equitable standpoint. Because of our donors, volunteers and strong partnerships with: Quinte Health, Infrastructure Ontario, the Municipality of PEC and the Ministry of Health, we are positioned to build a hospital we never imagined would be possible. And you have the opportunity to be a part of it!

When you Back the Build, you are helping to attract highly qualified caregivers to live and work here, and YOU are helping to ensure the continuation of access to exceptional care close to home.

## To invest in our hospital's vibrant future, CONTACT US TODAY!



*Dr. Cliff Rice, retired PEC family physician, planting trees with his grandson Zachary for future generations to enjoy.* 





