

The Ottawa Hospital: 21st-century hospital at a new campus

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has a five-stage process for building a new hospital. THE MOHLTC must approve each stage prior to the next stage beginning. The stages are:

1. **Proposal and Master Plan:** Look at population health trends and medical advancements; take stock of the hospital's current services and programs, plan for future service models.
2. **Functional Program:** Plan for space requirements and preliminary plans for staffing and equipment
3. **Preliminary Design:** Design new campus in detail for all aspects of the buildings and the site as a whole
4. **Contract Documents:** Refine architectural plans and detailed schedule for design and construction
5. **Construction**

What's happening now: Stage 1, master programming and master planning

The hospital's Planning Department is looking at population health trends and projections of how the region's population will age and grow. In addition, the team will factor in how medical advancements and new health-care models will change how health care is provided in the future. They're also meeting with medical leaders from across the hospital and holding workshops to talk about what each program and service needs to serve its patients and achieve its goals.

They'll use this information to plan how many beds and how much space each department needs across all three campuses – the Civic, General and Riverside. This submission, based on needs identified by patients and providers, will be presented to the Champlain LHIN for endorsement, and then to the MOHLTC for approval in early 2018. The submission will also include conceptual block drawings representative of the total square footage requirements. Detailed design will occur in Stage 3.

The hospital is also currently working closely with its federal partners to finalize a lease for the site. This work should be completed by early 2018.

How is the community involved?

The hospital has taken part in a number of community town halls and third party engagement consultants have conducted dozens of interviews with community members and stakeholders. The consultant report provides the basis for the hospital to plan its engagement strategy in detail. The hospital has committed to its recommendations and intends to engage in meaningful discussion on topics including design, green space, and parking in a process that is a win-win for patients and the community alike.

In the fall of 2017, the hospital will contract a consultant to create a long-term engagement strategy. There will be public engagement, both in person and online, embedded in each stage of the MOHLTC process to discuss the many different issues that have been identified as important to our community and our patients. The engagement strategy will be aligned with the city's stakeholder engagement process.

