

# **About the PEC Memorial Hospital Foundation**

For more than 30 years, the PECMH Foundation has raised funds in the community to pay for medical equipment and facilities to ensure our County hospital is well equipped to provide first class health care to in-patients and out-patients. This essential work continues year-to-year, governed by a volunteer board of directors comprising members of the community.

### Mission

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation raises money to advance health care for the patients of the hospital and the people of Prince Edward County.

# **Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital**

The first hospital in the County opened in 1919 in the George Alcorn house on Hill Street. In 1959, The Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital was built and was cutting edge at that time but health care has changed. Now, most surgery is done as an outpatient. Hospital stays are shorter and patients do most if not all of their recuperation at home, reducing their exposure to hospital acquired infections and other complications

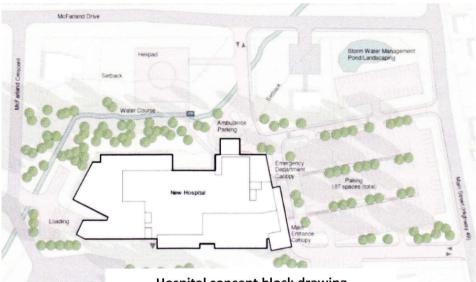
Studies show it would cost more to retrofit the hospital than it would to build an entirely new structure and some modern health care standards cannot be met within the current building. In addition, patients and staff would have to endure years of noise, dust, and relocated services.



1

### Plans for a new hospital

In January, a 'Stage 1' proposal for a new hospital was submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC). It included the site recommendation, hospital services over the next 35 years, a high-level space plan, and a cost estimate. The proposed new hospital will have appropriate infection control, larger patient rooms, and better washrooms and ease the burden on loved ones and caregivers who support patients on their health care journey. And, a stateof-the-art hospital can only facilitate recruitment and retention of doctors and other medical professionals.



Hospital concept block drawing

# What PECMHF is doing right now?

While waiting for approval of new hospital the Foundation is pre-campaign planning:

- A feasibility study has been completed to ensure a campaign is realistic for the community
- Fundraising staff have been hired to manage the campaign and are finalizing the fundraising plan
- A case for support is being developed
- Research is being conducted to identify major donors
- Leadership volunteers are being identified to assist with fundraising efforts
- Work continues on the annual campaign to support ongoing equipment needs of the hospital.