



Cornwall Community Hospital
Hôpital communautaire de Cornwall

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**Presentation: City of Cornwall
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Board of Directors
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Objective(s)

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- **Our objective(s) for this evening:**
 - To provide information regarding the sale of the 2nd Street Site at CCH.
 - To provide clarity where there appears to be confusion and misunderstanding.
 - To answer your questions.

Why is the 2nd Street Site for sale?

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- The Directions issued to the Cornwall Community Hospital in 2003 by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care required the Board of the Amalgamated Corporation to:
 - *“Submit to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care for approval, the hospital board’s recommendations for the disposal of the former Cornwall General Hospital’s surplus land, buildings and assets after all programs are transferred to the McConnell Avenue site.”*
- It is anticipated that phase III of the construction will be completed and all programs and services will be transferred to McConnell Avenue site by mid-2014.
- The 2nd Street Site will be vacant at that time.

Why is the 2nd Street Site for sale?

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- **The hospital will have:**
 - No use for the vacant property as all funded acute care services will be located at McConnell Avenue.
 - No budget to cover the costs of the property at 2nd Street Site.
 - ✦ Costs would be significant and would include (at least):
 - Property tax
 - Insurance
 - Security
 - Grounds maintenance
 - Heating
- **These costs would need to come from the hospital's annual operating budget and would impact the provision of acute-care services provided.**

Why is the 2nd Street Site for sale?

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- The property at 2nd Street site is an asset of the *Cornwall Community Hospital/Hôpital communautaire de Cornwall Corporation*.
- CCH a non-profit corporation and functions under legislation contained in the *Public Hospitals Act*.
- Unlike some other public institutions (eg. Schools) the hospital is not required to make “surplus” property available to other government organizations.
- Nor is there any means to manage the liability associated with “surplus” properties.
- The *Public Hospitals Act* does provide that any disposition of land and buildings must be approved by the Minister of Health.

Are there other options?

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- **No:** there are no other options for the Cornwall Community Hospital – our mandate is to provide Acute Care services to our catchment area. The entire community and the province has worked for years at consolidating our acute care services at the McConnell site in the interest of improved quality and the efficient delivery of care.
- **Yes:** there are potentially many options for the use of this property. Any individual, group, developer or organization with a vision is encouraged to participate in the process through our Realtor.

Process

- The Champlain LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long Term care were notified that we were preparing for the eventual vacancy of the properties and that we were moving forward with a plan to dispose of the property.
- The properties have been listed with ReMax Cornwall with the following direction:
 - The Hospital Board will not open or review any Offer of Purchase before February 25th, 2013.
 - All offers are to remain in effect until March 8, 2013.
- These directions were provided so as to allow sufficient time to market the properties and to create awareness of the opportunity.

Does the Hospital Board intend to have community consultations?

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- The Hospital Board did not consider and will not be holding community consultations because the Cornwall Community Hospital Corporation has been directed and has agreed to provide all services (acute care, mental health and rehabilitation) at the McConnell Avenue site.
- The hospital does not have the mandate, budget or approvals to provide other health care services, such as Long Term Care.

Points of clarity

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- **The 2nd Street Site is currently occupied with the following programs/services:**
 - Inpatient Mental Health
 - Dialysis
 - Ambulatory programs and clinics
 - **Nuclear Medicine** and (some) Radiology
 - CCH Foundation
 - Information Technology
 - Withdrawal Management Services
 - **Temporary Assess and Restore Unit** (operated by St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre)

Points of Clarity

- The Assess and Restore unit established in 2011 was a temporary measure aimed at assisting seniors to regain strength after an acute care episode – allowing them to return home. (The provincial Home First Program was just being introduced)
- These patients have been discharged from CCH and admitted to the St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre.
- These beds are not operated by the hospital.
- These beds are not Long Term Care beds, they are not funded under the Long Term Care program and the accommodations do not meet the physical Design Standards for Long Term Care.

Points of Clarity

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- The Hospital Board is not disputing the need for enhanced Senior Care – particularly in light of our aging population.
- In fact, we have a proposal before the MOHLTC to operate 15 Geriatric Rehabilitation beds as part of our Post Construction Operating Funding (PCOP) negotiations.
- If approved and funded, these beds will complement the Assess and Restore beds that will remain at SJCCC (York Street).
- It appears clear from recent information provided by the Champlain LHIN that there is no plan for additional Long Term Care beds in our area.
- While investments in a Senior's Strategy is articulated in *Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care* – the strategy does not provide for provincial LTC beds.

Points of Clarity

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- Long Term Care beds should not be confused with Retirement Residences. These facilities do not have Ministry of Health and Long Term Care design requirements and are therefore much more flexible in terms of working within an existing footprint.
- These facilities are typically privately operated; and are not operated under provincial funding.

Summary

- In summary,
- The Hospital Board understands and respects the important housing and daily needs of our Seniors.
- We also appreciate the passion of people seeking to address these needs.
- We do not have the mandate or means to redevelop the site.
- We must move forward with the disposition of the property that will become vacant - as we recognize our responsibility and obligations for the provision of acute-care services to this community.
- And... Thanks to so many, including this council ... we will have a state-of-the-art site from which to provide these services.

Questions?

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