

# Building Health Care in PEC

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## Planning partners continue to push for new hospital

Quinte Health Care and its project partners have now submitted a revised pre-capital submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHTLC) for the redevelopment of Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital. The pre-capital submission is the first step in the approval process to build or redevelop a hospital in Ontario.

The MOHTLC has said that they also require a “corporate master plan” before proceeding with the next phase. The master plan will demonstrate how a new PECMH would fit into the overall service plan for all four QHC hospitals, meeting the ongoing needs for PEC residents for decades to come. The master planning will start this month and is expected to be completed in the fall.

Assuming prompt approval of the corporate master plan, the next step in the process – the stage 1 business plan – could be completed in early 2017. QHC management will continue to meet with MOHTLC and LHIN officials to ensure the project can continue to move through the provincial approval process.

In the meantime, this newsletter will now be published quarterly, at the advice of the PECMH Redevelopment Advisory Committee. This group, comprised of key representatives from each of the partner organizations, meets quarterly to provide advice to the redevelopment project Working Group and communicate updates back to the PEC community. Watch for the next issue of the newsletter in March 2016.

## FAQ: How can we know a new PECMH will be built?

*Answer from Paul Huras, CEO, South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN):*



The South East LHIN remains dedicated to this project. Building a new hospital in Picton is part of our long-term plan for the local health care system. Capital planning is a long process, and I want to reassure the community that this timeline is

not unusual with a project of this nature. The LHIN has endorsed the revised pre-capital submission for this project and we look forward to receiving feedback from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care once they have reviewed the submission. I have committed to ensuring this hospital gets built and I look forward to participating in the ongoing development of a hospital that will reflect the needs of the community, and aligns with the ongoing evolution of local health care needs.

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## New clinic links frail elderly residents with care they need

A new program called Quinte LinkAGE is helping frail elderly residents of PEC access the care they need to stay at home longer and improve their quality of life.

Anyone 65-years of age or older who is "slowing down", having falls, cognitive issues, lacks needed supports or has medication concerns may be eligible for a consultation. Referrals are made by the health care team when a patient is in the PECMH emergency room or inpatient unit.

Following a full assessment by a team of health care professionals, patients receive an individualized service plan which could include links to community supports, programs and organizations; a summary of recommendations; and a follow-up appointment with their



primary care physician.

"In many instances, prevention is the key to keeping people healthy and in their homes where they want to be," said Erin MacKinnon, Occupational Therapist with Quinte LinkAGE. "Our clinic can be an effective prevention tool with the power to directly impact the quality of life of our senior population while making good use of our health care dollars."

More information is available by calling 613-969-7400, ext. 2228 or at [www.qhc.on.ca](http://www.qhc.on.ca).

## PECMH Auxiliary volunteers: million dollar Humanitarians

The latest \$150,000 donation from the PECMH Auxiliary has moved the volunteer organization past the million dollar mark in donations to the PECMH Foundation since 1999. It is an achievement Leo Finnegan, chair of the Foundation characterizes as remarkable.

"As we celebrate this accomplishment we also look forward to our future partnership with the Foundation and our common goal, supporting strong health care initiatives in Prince Edward County," said Auxiliary President Liz Jones (pictured above).



## Prince Edward Family Health Team wins provincial award

The Prince Edward Family Health Team (PEFHT) received a "Bright Light" Award in October from the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario for their Hospital@Home Program. The program aims to provide acute care for patients at home, rather than in hospital, in order to improve the patient and caregiver experience, in a more cost effective manner.

Hospital@Home is led by the primary health care providers at the Prince Edward Family Health Team, in partnership with the South East Community Care Access Centre, Quinte Health Care, and St. Elizabeth Health Care.