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## New PECM Hospital identified as QHC's top redevelopment priority



Brad Harrington presenting at "Live well in the County" on November 18th. Photo provided by the Picton Gazette.

Building a new Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital (PECMH) is Quinte Health Care's (QHC) top redevelopment priority. That commitment was reinforced by Brad Harrington, QHC's Chief Financial Officer and Vice-President, during a recent presentation to community members.

The Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation (PECMHF) invited Harrington to be the guest speaker at "Live Well in the

County." The informative luncheon series is offered by the PECMHF, in partnership with Wellings of Picton, with the focus on health-related topics.

Harrington discussed the five stages of getting approval for a new hospital, which includes getting approvals for each stage before moving on to the next stage. The plans must align to the guiding principles and

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## Small and Rural Hospital Transformation funds 2016/17

QHC PECMH staff and patients will benefit from an additional \$232,000 received through the Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund for 2016/17— allocated by the SE LHIN. The funds will support educational opportunities for staff, an information technology refresh to ensure up-to-date computers, and the addition of Personal Support Workers (PSW).

According to Manager Lisa Mowbray, the addition of PSWs will enhance the patient experience and support an inter-professional care model. "PSWs will not only help with activities of daily living such as bathing and mobilization, but will be supporting patients with activities to enhance strengthening and cognitive engagement," Mowbray explains. "Adding PSWs to our team will allow staff to work to full scope of practice. I'm looking forward to PSWs joining our terrific team!"

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priorities of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the South East Local Health Integration Network (SE LHIN). Harrington explained that the MOHLTC required the completion of a corporate Master Program before approving the pre-capital submission to allow for the completion of the Stage 1 proposal.

The QHC Corporate Master Program was officially submitted to the MOHLTC in October. Once the Ministry approves the Corporate Master Program and pre-capital submission, work on the PECMH Stage 1 report will continue, which will take about six months to complete. While the Corporate Master Program looks at all QHC programs at all four hospitals, the Stage 1 proposal contains information focused on PECMH including an evaluation of the current site, investigation of other site options, a high-level space plan and a cost estimate.

Harrington anticipates the approval of the pre-capital submission by early 2017.

Brad Harrington's full presentation, along with a comprehensive summary of the Master Program and Q&A document is available on the QHC website at www.qhc.on.ca on the PECMH Redevelopment page.

Below is an overview of Ontario's Capital Planning Process. We are currently waiting for the Ministry's approval to complete the work on 'Stage 1 Proposal'.

