



Quinte Health Care North Hastings

Clearly Better Campaign Case for Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

QHC North Hastings site is one of the newest hospitals in Ontario. Made possible by outstanding community support that totaled \$2.1M, the hospital is a vitally important mainstay of the health care system in the North Hastings Region.

Quinte Health Care North Hastings is a six-bed primary care hospital site which operates a 24 hour Emergency Department including Emergency Obstetrics. Beds are designated for those patients with medical conditions.

QHC North Hastings also provides outreach clinics (Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Urology), support, diagnostic (Radiology, Ultrasound), and treatment services. It offers Nutrition Counseling and a Health Records Department. In the near future the services offered at North Hastings will undergo further expansion.

The site also has a six-chair Dialysis Unit. The community, KGH and QHC worked together to build a state-of-the-art facility which means that local patients needing dialysis no longer have to face the several-hour journey to Peterborough, Belleville or Kingston.

The Need

Some new medical equipment was installed at the time of the new hospital's opening but many major items were transferred over from the old building. Among those items were x-ray and ultrasound equipment that, although already several years old, were deemed to be suitable for continued use.

This equipment has continued to serve the community well but with time has begun to wear out. The quality of the images produced no longer meets the recognized standard of care which is available at other QHC sites.

On an annual basis an average of 6400 x-rays and over 2000 ultrasounds are performed for adults, children, emergency and scheduled patients.

Residents of North Hastings, and visitors to the area, deserve access to the same level of care being delivered throughout the province. We have the highly trained, expert medical personnel on site to deliver that care if they are given the equipment.

Benefits of New Equipment

New radiology and ultrasound equipment will make state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging services, with all of its advantages, available to the people of North Hastings. New equipment is significantly faster and uses lower doses of radiation to produce clearer images.

An additional advancement is that the new equipment is digital, allowing images to be enhanced electronically which cuts down on the number of re-do examinations needed. Digital images can be accessed at any QHC site, or anywhere a QHC Radiologist has access to a computer. They can also be easily transferred to other hospitals or physician offices if necessary.

Because of its advanced capabilities, new Diagnostic Imaging equipment will support a variety of examinations not currently possible at QHC North Hastings, reducing the need for residents and visitors alike to travel to other centers for tests.

Timing

Renewing the North Hastings Auxiliary Diagnostic Department will be the largest project undertaken at QHC North Hastings since the hospital opened. It is scheduled to begin in late fall of 2011 and it expected to take up to a month to complete. This project is too important to the health of North Hastings to delay.

Cost

Cost for the newly equipped and renovated radiology room is estimated to be \$510,000. The ultrasound room is anticipated to cost \$195,000.

The North Hastings Fund Development Committee has committed to raising \$700,000 for this urgently needed project that will have such a positive impact on the quality of life in the region.

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....when we can see inside!

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