

Healthcare facilities in London on brink of transformation

The provincial government is transforming healthcare facilities all over Ontario. Another major milestone will be reached soon with the announcement of commercial close for both St. Joseph's Health Care, London and London Health Sciences Centre.

The hospitals' redevelopment projects will run concurrently and construction is expected to begin on each site in late spring 2008.

St. Joseph's Health Care, London

St. Joseph's Health Care, London is a patient care, teaching and research centre comprised of St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkwood Hospital, Mount Hope Centre for Long-Term Care, Regional Mental Health Care, London and Regional Mental Health Care, St. Thomas.

The redevelopment project at St. Joseph's Health Care is multi-phased, consisting of three significant renovations to existing buildings.



Phase 1 of the St. Joseph's Health Care redevelopment project began in June 2007.

Approximately 81,175 square feet of the St. Joseph's Hospital

ambulatory care wing will be renovated in this first phase. This project will provide a new cataract suite, more short-stay beds, expanded urgent care, urology, endocrinology and diabetes services, and a new records storage area.

Phase 2 of St. Joseph's Health Care redevelopment involves further renovation of the St. Joseph's Hospital ambulatory care wing. This project will renovate 112,000 square feet and create space for endoscopy, city-wide ophthalmology services (to be transferred from London Health Sciences Centre,) and other services, such as ear, nose and throat, ambulatory gynecology and diabetes/endocrinology.

London Health Sciences Centre

London Health Sciences Centre has three sites: South Street Hospital, University Hospital and Victoria Hospital; two family medical centres; and the London Regional Cancer Program. London Health Sciences Centre is also the home of the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario and Canadian Surgical Technologies & Advanced Robotics.



The redevelopment project at London Health Sciences Centre will consolidate all patient care and teaching services currently located at the

University and Victoria Hospitals, allowing for the closure of the aged South Street Hospital.

The project will complete the North tower at Victoria Hospital, providing new, state-of-the-art facilities, and renovating approximately 100,000 square feet of the existing facilities.

The redeveloped space will accommodate a new clinic, and inpatient and administrative areas for paediatric care and a new birthing centre which will be transferred from St. Joseph's Health Care, London. Room will be provided for child, adolescent and adult inpatient and outpatient mental health care and adult medical/surgical inpatient care as well as specialized clinical laboratories.

Additional space will make way for diagnostic radiology and nuclear imaging, a 350-seat auditorium with associated teaching facilities and a new cafeteria.

Once all the contractual steps have been completed for both projects, a news release will be issued to announce financial close and the costs of the projects. Please visit www.infrastructureontario.ca, for more information.

OSIFA Loan Program Expansion

As announced in the 2008 Ontario Budget, the OSIFA Loan Program will be expanded to include three new sectors: local services boards, non-profit public professional arts training institutions and non-profit and key public social housing providers.

This latest expansion of the loan program supports a number of government policy priorities, including tackling poverty, building healthy and vibrant communities, and ensuring every Ontarian has the opportunity to succeed.

Look for us at the following upcoming events where Infrastructure Ontario's knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the OSIFA Loan Program.

- April 30 - May 2: Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (Collingwood)
- May 13 - 15: Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes & Services for Seniors Convention & Tradeshow (Toronto)

- May 14 - 16: The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Annual Conference (Sault Ste. Marie)

Infrastructure Ontario's OSIFA Loan Program is an alternative financing solution designed to help public sector clients renew infrastructure and deliver value to customers and residents. Once a loan is given, clients are free to use any delivery model that they chose.

For more information about the OSIFA Loan Program and our affordable loan rates, terms and options - please visit the Infrastructure Ontario website under the heading [Loans and Services](#) or call our Information Hotline at 1-800-230-0937.

Ontario General Contractors Association 2008 Construction Symposium

On April 10 - 12, the Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) held its 5th Annual Construction Symposium for over 600 delegates, including contractors, industry associations and sponsors.

David Livingston, President and CEO and Jim Dougan, Executive Vice President of Infrastructure Ontario were in attendance to speak on Infrastructure Ontario (IO), the Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model and the progress IO has made to date. The presentation also looked at upcoming project opportunities, including those in new sectors such as transit and transportation.

Infrastructure Ontario and the OGCA have a history of collaboration on various template documents, bond forms and design and bid fees. This partnership will continue well into the future as both organizations look to tackle important issues that lie ahead, including market capacity.

AFP Project Milestones

- Kingston General Hospital - RFP close announced, April 7, 2008.
- Credit Valley Hospital - Commercial close announced, April 8, 2008.
- Bridgepoint Health - Pre-qualified bidders announced, April 9, 2008.
- New Data Centre- Financial close announced, April 18, 2008.
- Toronto Rehabilitation Institute- RFP close announced, April 23, 2008.