

Feedback: New Campus Open House January 31 2018



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The Ottawa Hospital held a community open house on January 31, 2018 to provide an update on hospital services at all three TOH campuses, the background journey to a draft architectural concept, and an update on engagement.

This event followed an initial series of seven information sessions held throughout Ottawa and eastern Ontario.

What we heard



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Access and traffic



Traffic studies should be high priority.

Direct connection to rail line and transit well-received. Consider bus pass or ticket program.

Concern about traffic on Sherwood, Bayswater and Carling.

What will southern access to the site look like?

What will the impact be on highway access, including the Rochester off-ramp?

How will the topography of the site impact planning entrances and exits?

Multiple entrances could reduce congestion.



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Greenspace and public areas



Protection of trees on the escarpment well-received.

Public access to greenspace is important. Consider uses for park space – community activities, fundraising etc.

Consider impact of removing existing vegetation to put in underground parking.

Greenspace should be considered for ecological as well as recreational purposes.

Building taller allows for more protection of greenspace.

Positive response to inclusion of pathways and recreation on site; consider how these pathways would connect to Carling, Preston, Prince of Wales, Queen Elizabeth Drive etc.



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Design



Support for idea, but continue to ensure functionality and cost.

Consider patient circulation and movement through the facility.

Glass walkways well-received; consider distance and walkability between buildings.

Consider how the proposed building shapes and styles would fit in with surroundings – height, style compared to CEF, wind shelter etc. Are buildings well balanced between CEF and Dow's Lake?

Including natural elements like wood in design could reduce 'institutional' look, which can trigger anxiety for some patients and families.

Natural light inside the buildings important to patients, families and staff.

Design for accessibility for all patients and families, including those who are aging, who do not speak English or French, who have physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, or disabilities that are not clearly visible.



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Parking

Generally positive reactions to underground parking with green roof.

Off-site parking has to be part of the solution, especially for staff.

Support for solutions that are not surface parking.

Consider how parking solution impacts nearby businesses and festivals.



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Environmental impact



Consider bird-friendly design. Areas with many glass windows, light wells and trees between buildings could pose problems for birds on the site.

Consider impact on animals and birds on the site.

Design lighting to limit light pollution.

Concern there are not enough buffer zones near roadways for the animals.

Create a water supply plan to ensure mature trees are not compromised during construction.



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Impact on
neighbours
and local
businesses



Consider impact on access and parking for Dow's Lake Pavilion and special events on Dow's Lake.

Consider impact of blocked views and light pollution on nearby residents and buildings like the Dominion Observatory.

Could bring in new customers for businesses near Carling and Preston.



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