

Statement by The Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute regarding next generation health facilities

The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI) have a rich history of working together to provide patients in Ottawa, Eastern Ontario, Western Québec and Nunavut with high quality and safe care. The unique relationship between our respected institutions creates an environment that builds on our strengths and enables us to provide world-class care here in the Nation's Capital.

It is clear that both the current UOHI expansion and the upcoming new Civic campus are needed. In 2005-2006, the UOHI experienced a series of facility issues which resulted in immediate planning and further construction of a new tower adjacent to the existing UOHI building on the Civic campus. This new tower will open in 2018, allowing us to continue delivering state-of-the-art cardiac care.

At the same time, TOH was also beginning a long-term planning exercise to replace the 100-year old Civic campus. On December 2, 2016, the federal government announced that the location for the new Civic would be the Sir John Carling site - at the northeast corner of the experimental farm on Carling Avenue, allowing us to move forward and build a 21st century hospital in Ottawa.

Doing so, we all need to understand the following:

- The new Civic campus will be a long-term project that will require collaboration between TOH and the UOHI at all times.
- It will require a phased transition of services from the current site to the new campus, and careful consideration will be given to the life cycle of the current UOHI expansion.
- The Sir John Carling site will include at the end, a next generation UOHI as a dedicated building co-located on the new campus, based on the same model currently in existence integrating excellent patient care and cutting-edge research.

It is too early to speculate on timelines, or other details of planning, which may take two to three years. We will involve frontline staff, physicians and patients, so we do things right and we get for Ottawa and our region, a world-class hospital for another 100 years.

Together, TOH and UOHI will define the future of cardiac and acute tertiary care for the 21st century in Ottawa.



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