

Architects for the New Emergency Department Announced

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) has retained the services of Parkin Architects Limited to design the new Emergency Department (ED). The firm was chosen following a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

“Parkin has an excellent reputation and extensive experience in the health care field,” notes Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO. “We are looking forward to working with Parkin’s local architects in Ottawa to design a new Emergency Department for our surrounding communities.”

Over the past 60 years, Parkin has designed some of Canada’s most notable buildings, including many hospitals. Robert Boraks is a Director at Parkin and also manages the Ottawa office: “Parkin is thrilled to be working with the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital team and the local community to develop the new Emergency Department. We look forward to working together on this exciting project.”

The new ED will better support patients and staff with modern and flexible space. It will be able to adapt to peak volumes, provide improved patient privacy and satisfaction, and increase infection control standards.

Over the past few months, hospital staff have been working with Resource Planning Group (RPG) to develop a Functional Plan for the project. The plan helps to define the future needs of patients and the physical space required to support these needs. It includes workflow processes, room types and room sizes to inform the design and layout of the new department. The final functional plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Health in the fall.

Once the Functional Plan is approved, the project moves into Stage 3 which is Preliminary Design. During this stage, preliminary block and sketch designs are developed. As well, details About all major components, timelines and costs are prepared and submitted for approval.

“As part of our extensive research, the functional programmers and architects will work together to identify other EDs for our staff can visit. They will help us ask the right questions to ensure the very best design for our building,” adds Wilson Trider.

At every stage, there will be numerous meetings with CPDMH staff to create a design that meets present and future needs and aspirations. In its submission, Parkin commented on the importance of listening to, and benefiting from, the experience and understanding of all stakeholders: “We will listen and we will support the community in delivering a project that inspires confidence and excitement. Our approach is one that factors in multiple stakeholders’ needs to develop a final product that is tailored to each client’s functional requirements and sustainability initiatives.”

Construction is expected to begin within 30 months. For the latest updates on the new ED, visit www.cpdmh.ca/redevelopment.