
The Task Force approved the ‘Design Guiding Principles’ that are serving as the goals and objectives for designing the future physical facilities for the Two Acute Sites model with emergency, inpatient and surgical services at each site, plus a stroke rehabilitation unit and the addition of MRI technology. These guiding principles are posted on the MAHC website at: http://bit.ly/2BCK28B.

The building development options that are being considered for both sites include: renovation and addition, or a complete new build. For the South Muskoka site, a greenfield approach where a hospital would be built on a different piece of land is also contemplated.

The Task Force received an update on the final ‘blocking and stacking’ workshop with clinicians in December that confirmed the space needs for the future services at each of the Two Acute Sites and the appropriate clinical adjacencies. From these workshops, the architectural consultant Stantec has developed high-level floor plans that were shown to the Task Force. The floor plans depict the blocks of space anticipated for each of the various services on each potential floor of each building that will be sent to a cost consultant for construction cost estimates. Stantec also showed the conceptual development options of where and how buildings could take shape on the properties in the future in line with the most ideal expansion and/or development areas.

The Task Force confirmed plans to engage the community through information sessions across the region the week of March 4-8 where the building options being considered will be explained and community feedback invited through online survey and hard copy forms.

The Task Force continued to discuss the local share requirement for financing the Two Acute Sites redevelopment. The Task Force received a presentation from a charitable sector consultant (KCI) regarding the feasibility of raising the community’s local share of the redevelopment cost through donations. KCI examined the Foundations’ philanthropic history to help estimate each Foundation’s capacity for capital redevelopment fundraising and also provides campaign advice.

The next Task Force meeting is March 4, 2019.