
Emergency Department Redevelopment Project

Background / Fact Sheet

The Project:

- The project includes a 5,000 square foot Emergency Department as well as a major redevelopment of our outpatient and clinical service areas
- The anticipated benefits of the redeveloped Emergency Department include: improved health and safety; improved visual sight lines for safety; improved work flow for staff and physicians; a more patient-centred design; and enhanced infection prevention and control, privacy and confidentiality
- The new space will incorporate a dedicated isolation room with negative air pressure, an ambulance entrance, a dedicated space for mental health, an updated trauma area and a decontamination room
- All of the new spaces will ensure seamless access to our new electronic health record, Epic, which is shared with The Ottawa Hospital, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and Renfrew Victoria Hospital
- To date, input on the design has been received from staff in many departments, with focused input from nursing and physicians
- The hospital share for the project is just over \$1 million. The community has always supported SFMH and with this exciting new development for our hospital, we look forward to ongoing support through the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

History:

- SFMH was opened on October 25, 1960. In 1987, St. Francis Memorial Hospital officially opened a new wing which housed an enlarged emergency department.
- The existing Emergency Department is over 30 years old
- Emergency room visits in 1986 = 5,366
- Emergency room visits in 2019 = 11,772

Infrastructure:

SFMH has been preparing for this redevelopment for many years and has taken the project into consideration when planning for and sizing infrastructure projects. To ensure readiness of its physical plant and building systems, over the past four years, SFMH has undertaken the following infrastructure projects:

- Domestic Water supply line extension
- Heating line extension
- Water(deaerator) tank replaced
- Sprinkler line extension
- Main air exchanger
- Chiller
- New central whole hospital generator and main electrical power upgrade including transfer switches, panel, main hydro line
- Main oil boilers replaced
- New roof section that covers renovated area
- Heliport renovation

Anticipated Timelines of the ER Redevelopment:

- Given the complexity of the project, there are many players involved, along with many steps needed before final project approval and start of construction
- SFMH will work with its partners to move the project forward
- Ultimately the schedule and approval rests with the Ministry of Health
- Pending all necessary approvals, construction is likely to begin in late 2021 or early 2022

Other:

- SFMH has been integrated with Renfrew Victoria Hospital for more than 20 years. The two organizations are inextricably linked at multiple levels including a shared CEO, IT Director, Pharmacy Director, Chief Financial Officer, and electronic health record (EPIC), as well as several integrated clinical programs
- St. Francis Memorial Hospital is well integrated into a network of Emergency Trauma Services such as Criticall (for urgent referral to specialists), ORNGE (helicopter) and its shared Electronic Health Record (EPIC) with the Atlas Alliance group of hospitals