

Friday, May 29, 2020

Mr. Rob MacIsaac, CEO
Hamilton Health Sciences
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Dear Mr. MacIsaac:

Re: Local Share Commitment for the Rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation Inc. Governing Board met on the 27th of May, 2020 and the following resolution was adopted with respect to the local share of the new hospital project:

WHEREAS Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) has a critical and urgent need to rebuild West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH) in order to continue providing safe, high-quality hospital services for all residents of West Niagara;

AND WHEREAS Hamilton Health Sciences received approval from the Ontario government on December 19, 2019, to proceed to Stage 2 of the government's capital planning process for a new hospital in order to rebuild WLMH;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's cost share policy for hospital capital projects provides a provincial investment of 90% of the capital construction costs, conditional upon commitment from local fundraising partners to contribute both a 10% local share of financing for the capital construction cost, plus a 100% share of financing for the cost of all furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) and any required parking infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS approval from the Ontario government to proceed with Stage 3 planning for the rebuilding of WLMH requires the timely submission by HHS of a financial plan in Stage 2 outlining the contributors to the local share of financing for the new hospital;

AND WHEREAS HHS is engaged in a dialogue with three west Niagara municipalities, Niagara Region and the WLMH Foundation to determine how the local area municipalities may assist with fulfilling the needed commitment to the local share of financing, and provide a commitment by June 1, 2020, in order to satisfy the Province of Ontario's requirements to proceed with the next stage of planning for a new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital;

AND WHEREAS the respective Chief Administrative Officers from Lincoln, West Lincoln and Grimsby, together with the Regional Chief Administrative Officer have had preliminary conversations on past practices of the Region in supporting hospital redevelopment projects;

AND WHEREAS Councils' of the contributing municipal governments would like staff to further investigate, determine and finalize the financing model to fund, together with the WLMH foundation an estimated, collective \$60,000,000 contribution to the total required local share of financing towards the rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, with a commitment to provide the required funds to HHS upon substantial completion of construction of the new hospital:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the WLMH Foundation, together with the three local Municipalities, made up of the Towns of Lincoln and Grimsby and the Township of West Lincoln, hereby commit to providing an estimated contribution of \$60,000,000 to the capital project costs to be raised by the community for the rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital; AND

2. That the WLMH Foundation, in conjunction with the staff from the Towns of Lincoln and Grimsby and the Township of West Lincoln, continue to have formal conversations with the Regional Municipality of Niagara to determine next steps and options for considerations pertaining to funding support from the Region.

Please note that the Chief Administrative Officer's of the three municipalities; Town of Lincoln, Town of Grimsby, and Township of West Lincoln, have agreed to report back to their respective Council, by or before December 1, 2020 with further details, including the financing options and recommended financing models for the individual municipal contribution.

The WLMH Foundation, in conjunction with the three municipalities and Regional Municipality of Niagara, look forward to continuing to work with Hamilton Health Sciences on the next phase, Stage 3 and subsequent stages expeditiously to ensure the completion of the WLMH redevelopment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact me or Pamela Ellens, Executive Director at 905.945.9564.

Sincerely,



Kevin Antonides, Chair
WLMH Foundation Inc.

cc. Sam Oosterhoff, M.P.P.
Town of Lincoln
Town of Grimsby
Township of West Lincoln
Aaron Levo, Hamilton Health Sciences, Vice-President
Ron Tripp, Niagara Region
Pamela Ellens, WLMH Foundation Inc., Executive Director