

Update on our new health-care complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre

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Dear Neighbour,

As our new health complex project enters its third summer of construction we are happy to report that we are both on schedule and on budget at over 65 percent completion!

Our neighbours are important to us and we would like to ensure to keep you informed of activities on and adjacent to the worksite for the remainder of construction.

You may notice from your proximity to the site or by the above aerial photo that we have begun landscaping work and that the exterior of the building is beginning to look complete. The building will be weather-tight by the winter but we still have 16 months left to go! Highly detailed work has moved to the inside of the building, including carpentry and painting. With this increased level of detail, we now have over 700 skilled trades workers onsite daily; 85 per cent of which are sourced locally.

As you're aware, both First Street Louth and Fourth Avenue are currently being widened by Rankin Construction to improve traffic access to the west end of St. Catharines. This work is on schedule to be completed by the end of this year. During this process our team will notify you of any service or access restrictions in a timely manner.

Beyond construction, we are focusing on the work needed to transform the building into a functioning hospital. This includes purchasing equipment for installation next summer in advance of construction wrapping up in November, 2012. Following a few months of training and orientation, we expect to open our doors to provide patient care in the spring of 2013.

We recognize that construction is an inconvenience to residents and business owners, and we thank you for your patience and community support of this project which will have a profound and long-lasting impact on the advancement of medical care for the people of Niagara as well as on the abilities of our health-care practitioners to serve patients and families for generations to come.

We look forward to keeping the lines of communication open and informing you of our progress every two to three months. You can also consult our project website at nhs.plenaryprojects.com for more information and current progress photos. I encourage you to contact me if you have concerns or questions at 905-984-4588 or by email at lmorley@niagarahealth.on.ca.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the new health complex Project Management Team,

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