

Request for Decision

Chelmsford Family Health Team Project Update

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Committee

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Recommendation

WHEREAS in April of 2005, the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care announced that the City of Lakes Family Health Team's expression of interest for the City of Greater Sudbury had been approved, and;

WHEREAS the Valley East, Pioneer Manor and Walden sites are now fully operational, and;

WHEREAS in 2012, the City of Greater Sudbury allocated capital funds towards a Request for Proposal for the building design of the facility, and;

WHEREAS in 2012, the City of Greater Sudbury allocated capital funds to address immediate building maintenance requirements at the site, and;

WHEREAS on April 23, 2013, the City of Greater Sudbury requested that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care allocate the Ministry's capital funding contribution for the Rayside Balfour City of Lakes Family Health Team in order that the project can proceed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury request that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care respond to the unique and immediate needs of the City of Greater Sudbury's underserved community by allocating provincial funds that would allow the City of Greater Sudbury to develop the Chelmsford site for the City of Lakes Family Health Team.

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Finance Implications

In 2012, Council approved funding in the amount of \$1.3 million for renovations to be shared equally with the MoHLTC and the City of Greater Sudbury. Council also approved building design costs of \$30,000 and \$150,000 for immediate structural repairs to the building. The 2015 capital budget has allocated \$160,000 to this project following a revised estimate prepared by Yellowega-Belanger Architecture in December of 2014.

Health Impact Assessment

This project will have a positive impact on several communities by enhancing primary care health services within the areas of; Levack, Onaping, Chelmsford and Azilda. These areas have the highest number of orphan patients within the outlying areas in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Background

The City of Lakes Family Health Team (CoLFHT) was established in 2007 as a non-profit corporation following funding approval from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MoHLTC) for a four-site operation. FHT partners include the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Health Sciences North and the City of Greater Sudbury. The FHT is an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals working collaboratively to provide comprehensive primary health care services to the residents of the City of Greater Sudbury.

In the first six years of operation, the CoLFHT opened three of four clinics in the areas of; Sudbury, Val Caron and Walden. These sites provide primary care in a clinical setting for twelve family physicians, eleven inter-health professionals and a team of clerical/administrative staff. The FHT currently serves 17,000 patients and is continually growing.

The formula used to calculate primary care needs is estimated to be one practitioner to 1,380 patients based on population base. This translates to the area's population of 14,424 divided by 1,380, indicating a need for 10.5 family physicians. Currently there are four practitioners serving the area, leaving a deficiency of 6.5. In September of 2014, Northwood Clinic opened a Walk-in Clinic located in Azilda, however, the practicing physicians do not roster patients as part of the practice.

City of Lakes Family Health Team Update

Two of the four family physicians have been signed and there is an ongoing recruitment for two others to complete the full compliment required for the Chelmsford site. The Executive Director of the City of Lakes Family Health Team submitted the first phase of the MoHLTC Family Health Team Application on December 28, 2014 and is awaiting response from the Ministry. Work is progressing on completing the second phase of the Ministry application.

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Update

The original proposal submitted to the MoHLTC in 2005 recognized the need to deliver primary health care to the Chelmsford area, identifying the area as being underserved. The City of Lakes Family Health Team Proposal does just that. The community has identified a continued need for primary health care services in Chelmsford and this was expressed to the Minister in a letter sent from Mayor and Council in 2014.

City of Greater Sudbury's Update - Chelmsford Site

Building Update

To date, repairs have been done to the roof, drainage and an RFP has been sent out for mold remediation. An environmental consultant was hired and worked with staff in Capital management to create a scope of work for the removal of the material in question. The consultant advised that the City delay the remediation until the commencement of the project.

Architectural Update

Yallowega-Belanger Architecture was awarded the tender for the schematic design for the Chelmsford Family Health Team Site in October 2014. Yallowega-Belanger Architecture has prepared a formal schematic for the building following meetings with committed physicians and administrative members from the City of Lakes Family Health Team and City of Greater Sudbury personnel. Updates to the MoHLTC's checklist of mandatory expectations of all Family Health Team facilities are being reviewed to ensure renovations comply with new Ministry requirements.

Next Steps

The City of Greater Sudbury requests the MoHLTC to prioritize its funding to the Chelmsford City of Lakes Family Health Team in order that this project can proceed.

