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Building Projects Newsletter





Who we are

The importance of understanding our demographics

Demography is the statistical study of human populations. Commonly examined demographics may include gender, age, disabilities and employment statistics. Demographic information can help North Wellington Health Care (NWHC) to plan what health care services will be needed in the future.

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For example, knowing that we have a large population of seniors in our community will help us to plan a hospital environment that is accessible and supportive to an aging population.

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Timing

Where are we in the planning process? Read on to find out.

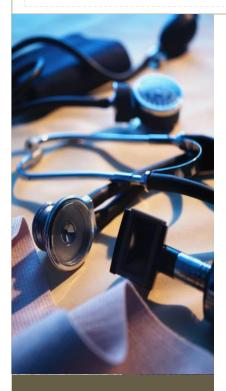
The Architect

Work continues to find the "right" architect.

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FYI

Looking for the Right Architect

We continue to work on an Architectural Service Request for Proposal. Our hope is to hire an Architect by late spring. Stay tuned!

Timelines

The Louise Marshall Hospital Expansion will take two years to plan and the hope is to begin tendering in 2014/15 with construction to follow.

Who we are continued....

At a recent NWHC Building Committee Meeting our newly appointed Functional Planners, Agnew Peckham, provided a demographic overview of the North Wellington catchment area.

Key findings from the presentation included:

☑Recognizing North
Wellington and South Grey has
and will continue to have a high
percentage of the population
over the age of 65 and a high
mortality rate.

☑Recognition of the unique challenges associated with health services for our diverse cultural population.

☑Predictions for what the Wellington County population will look like over the next 25 years (chart below).

☑Based on the demographics we know to adjust our original hospital plans to reflect: lower in-patient predictions, maintain the emergency and operating room predictions and increase the oncology/ambulatory clinic visits expectations.

Information from the demographic presentation will help the Building Committee to plan appropriately for the new Emergency Room and Ambulatory Care expansion.

