

Chemo/Pharmacy Construction Proceeds with the Stroke of a Pen



January 12th 2022 - Chemo/Pharmacy Construction "Contract Signing"

L to R: Andrew Williams, President & CEO; Ryan Itterman, Director Diagnostics, Regional Pharmacy & Chemotherapy; Becky Lau, Supervisor Regional Pharmacy & Chemotherapy; Dr. Janis MacNaughton; Dr. Janis Nicholson; Andrea Page, Stratford General Hospital Foundation Executive Director; Paul Roulston, Stratford General Hospital Foundation In Our Hands Campaign Co-Chair; Amir Shenouda, SEM Construction President; Francesco Sabatini, Manager Facilities Management Projects; Steve Hearn, HPHA Board Chair

It's not often a stroke of a pen plays a role in improving healthcare, but several were put to good use signing a construction contract bringing a new Chemotherapy Unit and Pharmacy a step closer to completion at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Stratford General Hospital site. The event held on January 12, 2023 marked the official construction start of a renovation project which will have an impact on thousands of chemotherapy patients along with hospital inpatients that rely on HPHA's pharmacy to provide superior medication management.

The signing of the construction contract takes the project from years of planning, input from staff, patients and patient partners to the next level, from paper (blue prints) to reality. This \$13 million project is part of the Stratford General Hospital Foundation's In Our Hands campaign.

"The Stratford General Hospital Foundation launched the In Our Hands campaign at an event attended by 150 donors and a special countdown with astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar in June 2022 with a goal of \$30 million," says Paul Roulston, In Our Hands Campaign Co-Chair. "Right now, through incredible generosity of donors we are at \$23 million in cash and pledges. Since we receive no funding from the provincial government for medical equipment every dollar vested into essential equipment and funding for special projects like the Chemotherapy and Pharmacy renovation has been given by those who care about our hospital, our patients and our healthcare team."

There are currently more than 2,000 patient visits for chemotherapy at the HPHA Stratford General Hospital each year. The Chemotherapy Unit is an integral part of cancer care for patients in Stratford and area, providing top-notch care closer to home, thereby eliminating the anxiety of receiving treatment in an unfamiliar setting, reducing the time and expense of travel, and providing the opportunity to develop close relationships and a support system with other local residents.

"The Chemotherapy program has experienced steady growth in patient volumes and these trends are expected to continue," says Ryan Itterman, Director Diagnostics and Regional Pharmacy & Chemotherapy. "Co-location of the Chemotherapy and Pharmacy programs will help ensure efficient use of resources, specifically in sterile preparation locations and delivery of chemotherapy medications."

"We can never say thank you enough! Our donors have always been there for us and we know that they will help us raise the remaining \$7 million to help make an incredible difference at our hospital," adds Andrea Page, Stratford General Hospital Foundation Executive Director. "From new ultrasounds, to the completion of the Chemotherapy and Pharmacy renovation; a new MRI to new youth mental health initiatives, every dollar counts and we can't do it without our community."

Project Highlights Include:

- Additional patient consult and treatment space with upgraded chairs and beds.
- Interior renovation of 16,000+ square feet of the third and fourth floor of the West Building.
- Improved medication compounding facilities.
- New mechanical and electrical systems.
- Enhanced security and data and WI-FI systems.
- A new negative pressure room to provide care for high risk patients.
- Expanded support services areas including new staff rest and change rooms.
- Replacement of windows along with exterior building repairs including new roofing.

To support the In Our Hands campaign, please visit:
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or contact the SGH Foundation directly at 519-272-8210 ext. 2626
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Stratford Strickland's staff are some of our biggest cheerleaders. We were so thankful to visit with them to celebrate their impactful pledge payment of **\$25,000** towards the #InOurHands campaign!

The Cook Family- Inspiring Philanthropy



Centre- Maxine and Richard Cook with children and grandchildren, right- Cheryl Hunt, Community Giving Manager, SGH Foundation.

The Cook family has made a very generous investment in local healthcare by donating **\$25,000** to the new Chemotherapy Unit. Maxine and Richard Cook are strong advocates for supporting their community and wanted to provide an opportunity for their children and grandchildren to experience first-hand how wonderful it feels to give back...
Please join us in thanking them!

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