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Where Should a New Hospital Go? Survey Says: Accessibility is Key

When it comes to a location for the new state-of-the-art hospital, those who responded to a survey conducted by the Programs and Services Steering Committee offered an outpouring of feedback and suggestions.

Over the last two weeks, 594 people participated in the online survey. Participants were asked to review the draft criteria list currently being considered for site selection, and choose which factors matter most to them.

The top 10 most popular responses suggest voters want the hospital to be easily accessible for patients, EMS, police and transit users, they want something conveniently located to meet the needs of current and future populations, and they want ample parking.

Top 10 Most Popular Responses

Place	Criteria	Total Points*
1	Proximity-EMS/Police/Patient Transfer/Disaster Preparedness	2,983
2	Parking potential	2,237
3	Transit Route	1,944
4	Service Catchment Area	1,750
5	Parcel Size	1,746
6	User Access	1,695
7	Relationship to other supportive Institutions	1,619
8	Helicopter Flight	1,614
9	Arterial/Collector Road Access	1,608
10	Neighbourhood Compatibility	1,495

*Scoring is based on a tabulation system rewarding 14 points for first place selections, 9 for second, 8 for third and on down to 1 for tenth.

For a complete list of the results and comments, please click here (will be linked to homepage once updated).

The Steering Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the draft criteria and provide feedback. Results will be used by the Steering Committee as they finalize a weighted list of criteria. That list will be used by the Site Selection Subcommittee – an 11 member group made of volunteers from Windsor-Essex - to select a location for recommendation.

David Musyj, Co-chair, Planning and Services Steering Committee and President and CEO Windsor Regional Hospital says, “We recognize that this is not a scientific survey. It is one of several ways we have attempted to gather public input into the matter before the Site Selection Subcommittee begins the very thorough process of selecting a recommended hospital location.”

For more on the Site Selection Subcommittee, please [click here](#).

“Site selection is a detailed process with many factors to examine,” says Dave Cooke, Co-chair, Programs and Services Steering Committee. “We are confident that the feedback from the community, combined with the work of the Steering Committee and the clearly defined site selection process, will result in the successful recommendation of the most appropriate site to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.”

According to consultants working on the project, the opportunity for this type of public input into the matter of hospital site is unique to this project and this is the first jurisdiction to have a Site Selection Subcommittee made up of community volunteers.

“We stated from the start that this was going to be the most transparent, inclusive and fulsome process that will result in a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital for Windsor-Essex. I want to thank the Steering Committee for ensuring that is the case,” says David Musyj.

Robert Renaud will Chair the Site Selection Subcommittee. The group will meet for the first time at the end of this month to accept the final criteria and weighting. Members will then work with the necessary planning and legal consultants on a request for proposals process, inviting landowners or their representatives to offer land they feel matches some or all of the outlined criteria, for consideration.

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