

# Report of the President & CEO to the Board of Directors

**Date:** February 2020



## Strategic Direction - Strengthen the culture of patient safety and quality care

### The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

There has been a lot of attention being paid to the recent outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus since it was first reported in December 2019 emanating from Wuhan China. Although the impact of this virus is still unfolding. We need to place this virus in context. The current 2019 influenza season has resulted in approximately 8,500-20,000 deaths just in the United States alone.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/30/health/flu-deadly-virus-15-million-infected-trnd/index.html>



<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/preliminary-in-season-estimates.htm>

A very good website that provides updates on what is happening across Ontario, Canada and the world with respect to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

An interesting “real-time” map on the current status of the virus can be found at:

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

The Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) team and its partners are all working together to be individually and collectively ready to address any issues presented related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

## **Strategic Direction – Champion accountability and transparency**

### **If you have a Red and White OHIP card – Its days are numbered**

The old red-and-white health card will no longer be accepted for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) services as of July 1, 2020.

If you attend a healthcare facility after July 1 with only a red-and-white OHIP card, you will be financially charged for the provision of the clinical service and you will be required to obtain reimbursement on your own.



WRH will continue issuing reminder notices to patients who present at either of our Emergency Departments with a red-and-white health card. The Ontario government is also issuing letters to individuals with these older cards.

The Ontario government advises that photo health cards can easily be obtained free at ServiceOntario by:

- Bringing the right original documents (proof of Canadian citizenship or OHIP-eligible immigration status; proof of residency in Ontario and proof of identity);
- Completing a Health Card Re-Registration form ahead of time or by getting one at ServiceOntario; and
- Visiting a ServiceOntario centre.

## **Strategic Direction - Develop a sustainable corporate financial strategy**

### **Infrastructure Investment**

This past month, Rick Nicholls, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Leamington, announced funding for all three local hospitals as part of the Ontario government's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund. The new money helps hospitals across the province maintain their infrastructure.



As part of this investment, three local hospitals in Essex County will receive funding. Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare will receive \$931,468, with Erie Shores HealthCare receiving \$666,152 and Windsor Regional Hospital receiving \$1,542,162.



## **Strategic Direction - Create a vibrant workplace**

## **Strategic Direction - Strategically engage with external partners**

### **Hats on for Healthcare**



A signature fundraising event for the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, the campaign enters its (11th) eleventh year, having raised more than \$350,000 for programs and services at the Met Campus and the Ouellette Campus.



## HOW IT WORKS

Similar to a dress down day, Hats On For Healthcare gives participants an opportunity to wear a hat any day of choice for only a 'toonie' and be included in the festivities on the official day, Wednesday, March 4th.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [HatsOnForHealthcare.com](https://HatsOnForHealthcare.com) to register and download the Hats On For Healthcare Kit.

# Strategic Direction - Continue the pursuit of new state-of-the-art acute care facilities

## Premier Ford Recent Visit to Windsor/Essex

This past month Premier Ford attended Windsor/Essex and held a few meetings. Windsor Regional Hospital's Board Chair, Dan Wilson, had a chance to meet with him along with other leaders across Windsor/Essex. During that meeting the need for moving forward the Windsor/Essex Hospital plan was emphasized by many he came in contact with. This was reiterated at a larger group session and at a recent pre-budget consultation, where the need for the planning investment was highlighted by one of the grass roots groups that have formed to move the project forward.

We have to continue advocating ensuring the needs of Windsor/Essex are heard. Thank you Windsor/Essex for this ongoing advocacy.

