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NEWSLETTER

NIAGARA HEALTH SYSTEM

Update on our new health-care complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre

As we continue to move closer to the start of construction with our partner, Plenary Health, we wish to invite you to an upcoming event to showcase the design of our new state-of-the-art facility and to share updates on the project.



Artist's rendering of the new NHS health-care complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre to be located at First Street and Fourth Avenue in St. Catharines, ON.

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Design Open House - You are invited!

We will be holding a **Design Open House** from 3 – 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at our Ontario Street Site sixth-floor Boardroom.

We encourage you to attend and gain a first look of the conceptual design of the building which will replace our aging St. Catharines General and Ontario Street Sites and provide new regional services which have not previously existed in Niagara, causing our patients to travel outside of the region to receive specialty care.

In anticipation of viewing these designs, please take a moment to take a virtual tour of our new health-care complex, by clicking [here](#).

We look forward to sharing these exciting plans with you on the 11th of December and moving towards the completion of our new state-of-the-art facility which will enable us to provide exemplary care to our patients for generations to come.

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Project Update

In August, following a four month evaluation of the three submitted bids over the course of this summer, NHS, in partnership with Infrastructure Ontario, selected Plenary Health as its preferred bidder. Subsequently, we moved forward with negotiations and signed a contract in September; striking an official partnership with Plenary Health.

Since this milestone, known as Commercial Close, we have been actively working towards Financial Close where all funds required to build the facility will be committed. Upon achieving this milestone, Plenary Health will fully mobilize to design, build, finance and maintain the facility over 30 years - for a fixed price and by a fixed date.

We remain committed to confirming the project cost and completion date with you when we reach this important milestone, as well as organizing an official groundbreaking ceremony in the near future.

First Street and Fourth Avenue site development

Plenary Health has been eager to undertake other preliminary steps in developing the site at First Street and Fourth Avenue in west St. Catharines.



Just last week, Plenary Health's construction partner PCL Constructors Canada Inc., along with local contractors Rankin and SoilMat, undertook investigative work for site preparation. They excavated 36 three-foot holes as test pits to determine the quality of the existing soils for re-use as backfill, generally in areas to be used as parking lots.

Plenary Health also completed the formal submission of all documents required for the Site Plan Agreement with the City of St. Catharines. This submission included floor plans, descriptions of exterior elevations, grading, servicing and landscaping.

Following Financial Close and the City's approval of these documents, Plenary Health will secure building permits for the foundation and structure, as well as permits with the Ministry of Transportation for the surrounding roadways. Major construction on the property is slated to begin in late Spring 2009.

We are interested in your feedback!

What would you like to know about the new health-care complex project? If you have an idea for an issue of this publication, please contact the Editor:

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