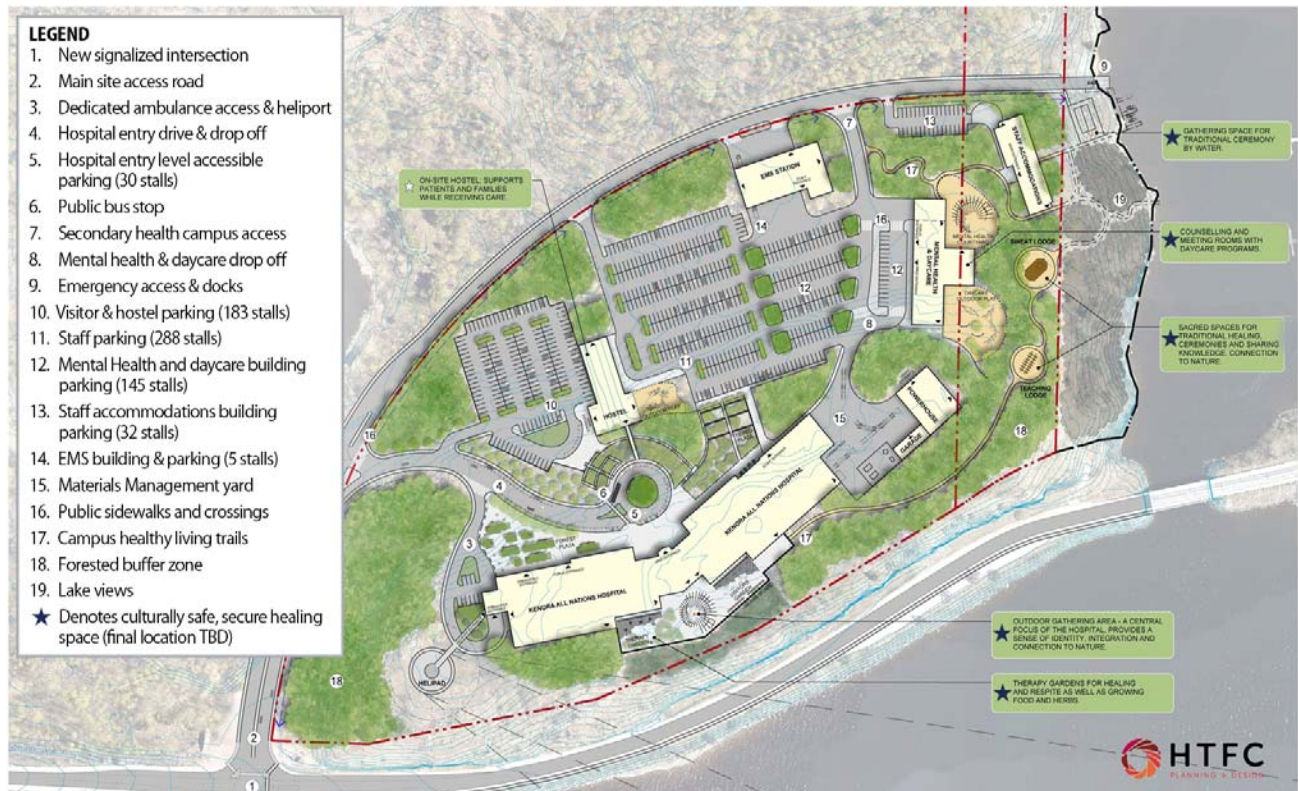




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Provincial funding proposal includes new hospital campus concept



Kenora, ON, October 20, 2023 – Together in partnership, Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) and Ogimaawabiitong Kenora Chiefs Advisory (KCA) have completed planning to replace the current facility with a new hospital that will serve all patients, with a blend of Western Medicine and Traditional Healing on a modern, new campus. This will ensure that everyone has the services they require for their care needs.

Extensive consultation with staff, partners, the public and other health care facilities has taken place over the last four years to inform an in-depth proposal for government consideration (as a public hospital, the project is primarily funded by the provincial government). The proposal includes the above recommended campus and the following proposed physical and service enhancements:

- A larger physical building and campus

- 100% single patient rooms
- MRI
- An ER that is right-sized for major treatment and rapid assessment (lighter care, non-acute zone - 6 seats), minor treatment rooms (2 patients), treatment rooms (12), and mental health treatment rooms (3)
- Surgical Services: 3 ORs, procedure room, post-anesthesia recovery room, pre-admission clinic, day surgery unit
- Ceremonial room, Indigenous Resource Centre, traditional kitchen, traditional healing rooms, quiet rooms, multi-faith room, Sweat Lodge and landscaped spaces
- Bariatric rooms
- 4 ICU beds with negative pressure and virtual bedside consult capacity

LWDH and KCA now await government direction for the project to move forward. Next stages include finalizing the design, contract document development and finally – construction!

Thank you to the project Steering Committee for their work throughout the planning stages and ongoing commitment as the project moves forward. Engagement with the public and partners including First Nations, Elders and Knowledge Keepers will be ongoing throughout the design phase.

To keep informed on the project, please follow the Lake of the Woods District Hospital on Facebook and visit the All Nations Hospital Project website to subscribe to receive the most up-to-date information - <https://anh.lwdh.on.ca/>.

The All Nations Hospital Project is a community project, focused not only on creating an inclusive, efficient facility staffed by compassionate and caring individuals but also on building relationships to strengthen our community. Mamoo'kandaa oshi aakoziwigamig. Working together for our new hospital.

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