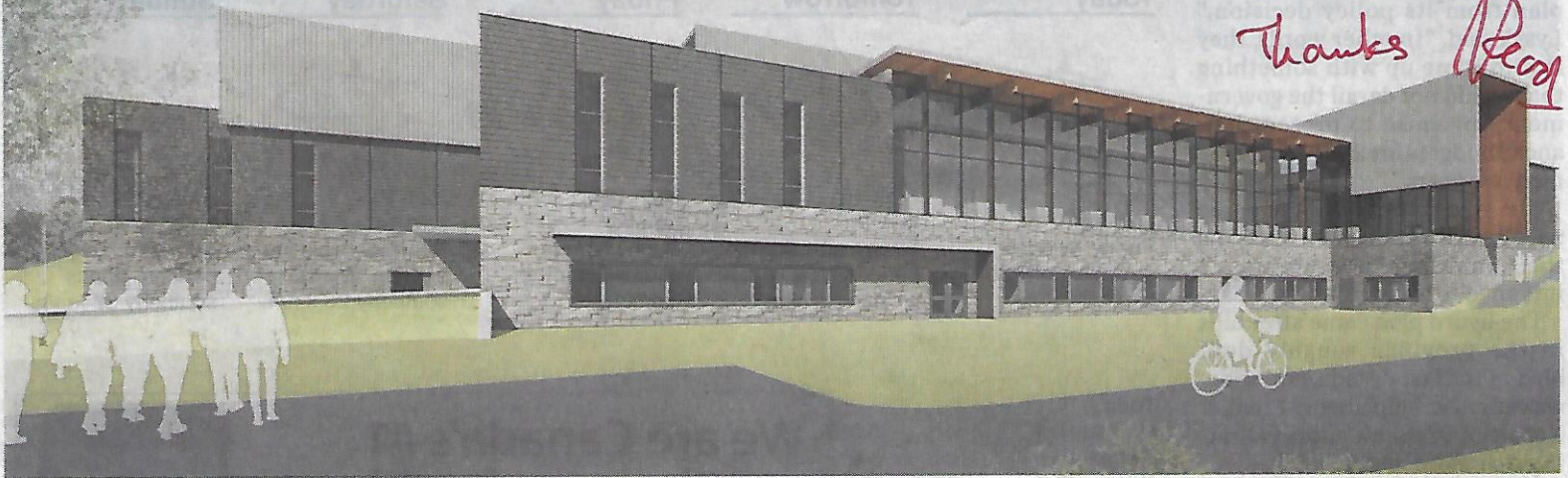


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A drawing of the Markdale hospital.

Markdale hospital drawings submitted

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Architectural plans have been submitted for the new hospital in Markdale.

Grey Bruce Health Services announced on Tuesday that the next phase of plans – including architectural, civil, mechanical, electrical and landscape drawings – have been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for approval.

“The building looks great,” said Mary Margaret Crapper, GBHS chief of communications and public affairs. “The renderings we have seen are very impressive and functionally we are very pleased with the preliminary designs.”

The drawings, some of which were released on Tuesday, provide an image of the new facility, which is to replace the current Centre Grey Hospital in Markdale. It is to be approximately 68,000 square feet over two floors and includes four beds, a palliative care room, 24/7 emergency room with seven treatment areas, a procedures room, laboratory, diagnostic imaging services, physio and space for an ambulatory care clinic.

Over the summer, architects met with staff, volunteers and patients to get their input on the plans, understand how they use the space and what works best for them.

“A lot of that feedback has been incorporated and has been included in this recent submission to the

ministry of health,” said Crapper.

The design includes a wall of windows facing south that will maximize natural light, and is designed to

minimize heat gain in summer months and take advantage of solar gains in the winter. It is to also include LED lighting throughout, with building materials selected to minimize vibration and noise. It will have 100 parking spaces for cars and three spaces for horses and buggies.

“It certainly is creating some excitement to see it take shape,” Crapper said.

A series of images from the submission are to be put on display in the Markdale hospital by the end of the month. The Centre Grey

Hospital Foundation is also planning to mount images of the proposed design in public spaces in the community.

The plans are referred to as Stage 3.1 of the submission. The ministry will now work with GBHS until at least the end of the year before approving the project to proceed to the next stage, which is a more detailed design phase.

The process will next involve developing contracts, finalizing construction-ready plans, completing and issuing of tender documentation, and ultimately, awarding construction contracts. Construction is anticipated to begin sometime in 2019 and take two years to complete.

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Construction for building expected to start in 2019

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The total cost of the project is projected to be \$63 million, though that estimate can change. The residents and businesses of the community have raised about

\$12 million so far. Last month it was announced that Flato Development president Shakir Rehmatullah had donated \$500,000 over 10 years to the project. Rehmatullah is currently involved

in a three-phase, 800-unit housing development in Dundalk. In honour of the financial commitment by the company the lobby of the new hospital will be named after Flato Developments Inc.