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***Construction timeline revealed for new Windsor-Essex hospital***

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- Windsor Regional Hospital said Tuesday it now has a projected timeline for building the region's new single-site acute care facility. Infrastructure Ontario's May 2022 Market Update states the tendering process will likely begin in early 2025, the hospital said. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027.
- The update follows the October 2021 funding announcement by Premier Doug Ford and MOH Christine Elliot that allowed the hospital to move forward with Stage 2 planning.
- "The new acute care hospital project has moved ahead aggressively in the last 18 months," said hospital president and CEO David Musyj. "We went from no funding for Stage 2 to full funding and now a fixed RFP date and shovel in the ground date. Premier Ford made a promise to our region and delivered on that promise. Additionally, I cannot thank our City of Windsor Mayor, Drew Dilkens, Essex County Warden, Gary McNamara, community leaders and residents throughout our region enough, for making this historic project become a reality."
- Work on Stage 2 planning began immediately following the October 2021 announcement. Thirty-eight user groups, representing different clinical and non-clinical support areas in the hospital, are developing a Functional Program for the new facility.
- The Functional Program is a detailed planning document outlining future services, activity volumes, staffing levels, new technologies, and space requirements.
- The hospital said that over the next few months, architects and engineers will use the Functional Program to create schematic plans for the building. These early plans will illustrate how all the rooms in each department will be organized.
- The hospital said those plans will likely be ready to submit to the Ministry of Health by early next year. After that, the plan will undergo further development and design. During that time, the process will begin for selecting a developer.
- "We have a lot of exciting work ahead of us," said Musyj. "But now we can focus on getting everything in place so we can start the tendering process in 2025; break ground and start building this much needed and long-awaited state-of-the-art hospital, in the spring 2027."

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