

FINAL PRESENTATION NOTES

Ontario Ministry of Finance 2025 Budget Consultation Presentation

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Good Afternoon, my name is William C. Smith and I am here representing Citizens for Healthcare of Windsor-Essex and we thank you for the opportunity to participate this afternoon to share our ideas and questions.

Our community-based organization has been involved in the new Windsor-Essex Hospitals System planning process since 2016 – supporting the development and construction for the new healthcare facilities as well as participating in the last four budget deliberation cycles, with both the Windsor/ Essex Acute Care Hospital Planners and Ontario Government officials.

So we are here today to ensure that the process for our new Acute Care Hospital Plan stays on track and on time so that the shovels are in the ground in 2026 or if not sooner, as stated in a statement published from Windsor Regional Hospital on December 21st, 2024.

We acknowledge that this project has now been separated into two segments with the first being the opening of tenders in December 2024.

To that end we are seeking the following information:

1. **CONFIRMATION** of the initial stage tender opening on December 19th, 2024 (which includes a parking garage; a training administration centre and additional infrastructure to support future phases of the build) took place and will this tender close at the end of January 2025?
2. **QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER:** What is the time line following that for review of RFPs received and selection and letting of a contract for this initial stage?

That leaves the next step to be the RFQ for the remainder of the project, followed by the RFP with both of those stages being completed by the end of 2025:

1. **QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER:** *Is the issuing of the RFQ still on track for April to June 2025 followed by the RFP's timeframe of October to December 2025 as is published in the June 2024 Ontario Infrastructure Market Update Report?
Can the Minister also confirm that this will take place during this time schedule?*

Last year when we submitted our written MOF (Ministry of Finance) Budget Deliberation Submission Document, dated January 25th, 2024, we asked if the Minister could provide the status of the 25 Million Dollar funding request for the Stage 2 Detailed Planning of the project? We still do not have an answer, so we are asking that same question again:

QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER: *What is the status of the 25 Million Dollar funding request? (for Stage 2 Detailed Planning Process on this project?)*

We also asked for an update regarding the current status of this project from the Infrastructure Ontario 2023 Market Report, we did not receive a response.

However, in reviewing the June 2024 Infrastructure Ontario Market Update we note that dates, while still in 2025 for the RFQ and RFP are delayed a few months, *the contract execution remains July -September 2026.*

QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER: *Can the Minister confirm that those dates are accurate and that the contract execution WILL NOT be jeopardized by the delay in the RFQ and RFP extended dates?*

On behalf of Citizens for Healthcare, we thank you for your time and once again for the opportunity to participate in this Pre-Budget Deliberation Process.

We are still here asking the same questions and trust you will find our concerns and ideas to be of valid interest for our government to act on in support of the Windsor-Essex Acute Care Hospital Project.

Regards: On behalf of CITIZENS for HEALTHCARE



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