

## Backgrounder



### **North Bay Regional Health Centre**

The North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC) is a partnership between the North Bay General Hospital and the Northeast Mental Health Centre. For the first time in Canada, an acute care hospital and a specialized mental health centre will co-locate on the same site. One of the largest public sector projects in the region's history, the 720,000 square foot NBRHC will have a total capacity of 388 beds on its 80-acre site.

The North Bay General Hospital (NBGH) and its predecessors have served the families of North Bay and the surrounding area for over 100 years. The North Bay General Hospital is a district referral centre serving the districts of Nipissing and Temiskaming. NBGH's Emergency Department and outpatient clinics each serve more than 40,000 patients every year. Specialist services such as orthopedics, neonatal intensive care, paediatrics, ophthalmology, obstetrics/gynaecology, urology, ENT (ear, nose and throat) and general surgery are provided for patients from throughout the entire district served.

The Northeast Mental Health Centre (NEMHC) is a specialized mental health centre that provides service to people throughout the region of northeast Ontario suffering from severe and persistent mental illness. Based on a recovery approach, NEMHC works with other service providers and patients and their families in the design and implementation of care. Programs include specialized adult mental health, senior's mental health, forensic psychiatry, outreach programs and a regional children's psychiatric service. The Northeast Mental Health Centre also operates regional specialized mental health beds at its Sudbury campus, consisting of 15 seniors' beds, 16 specialized beds and 12 children's beds.

As a three-storey general hospital, the new NBGH will be significantly larger and have the capacity to serve a greater number of patients. The Northeast Mental Health Centre has been designed as a two-storey facility that will provide a best-practice approach to care in a home-like, village environment.

#### **The new district hospital includes:**

- a larger emergency department with 32 treatment bays to accommodate more than 57,000 patients per year
- a new consolidated ambulatory care centre to accommodate more than 63,000 patient visits per year
- 275 acute care beds with:
  - a 40-bed acute mental health unit relocated from the Northeast Mental Health Centre
  - an increased bed capacity in the Critical Care Unit (from 10 to 16 beds), in the Complex Continuing Care Unit (from 10 to 42 beds), and in the Rehabilitation Care Unit (from 10 to 29 beds)—additional beds to our current complement will be phased in over three years.

#### **The new regional mental health centre**

The new regional mental health centre will be linked to the district hospital via a shared entrance and several shared common areas. It will serve the whole of northeast Ontario, and accommodate:

- 52 forensic psychiatry beds;
- 61 specialized mental health beds;
- a client services mall, gymnasium, psychiatric offices, clinical and administrative spaces; and
- outreach services.

Included in the regional mental health centre is a new, unique feature – the Horticultural Centre. Staff and patients will work together to grow plants and flowers. The plants and flowers will be used to decorate patient and staff courtyards throughout the facility.

The new hospital is being developed by Plenary Health with partners PCL Constructors and Johnson Controls. PCL Constructors, are paying special attention to the environmental components of the project ensuring construction is environmentally efficient and sensitive. In addition, PCL Constructors has aimed to divert 75 per cent of construction waste from the landfill and is using recycled materials on the site.