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## RVH's future site designs chosen

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Board of Directors has approved the designs for the proposed north campus expansion and the future south campus.

The design choices come after two years of consultation with staff, physicians, patients and the community, as well as extensive data and population analysis. Diamond Schmitt Architects designed six options for the north campus and five for the south campus which were narrowed down using over 250 evaluation criteria.

“Community consultation has been the cornerstone of RVH's planning process and is vital that both site designs reflect the current and future needs of Simcoe Muskoka residents,” says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. “Through over 27,000 interactions, staff, physicians, patients and residents told us what's important to them and that vital perspective has been reflected in the designs of both the north and south campus.

The north campus design will almost double the size of RVH's current facility and will be constructed over the next decade, once government approval is secured. The design includes adding a T-shaped, nine-story, 730,000 square foot tower on the west side of the current campus accommodating more than 200 additional inpatient beds. A helipad will be located on the roof of the tower.

RVH is facing crippling capacity challenges and the phased plan addresses RVH's most urgent space priorities. Phase 1 of the north campus plan includes renovations and expansion within the current building, including:

- Fit-out of the empty “shelled” space built in the 2012 expansion
- Significant expansion of maternal child, critical care, renal and surgery departments
- Expansion of the cancer centre to accommodate more radiation units and clinic space
- Linking the 2012 expansion with the original building
- Doubling the size of Rotary Place for non-clinical services
- Increased parking capacity

In total, renovations and new construction will expand RVH's current facility by over 800,000 square feet and add a total of 250 new beds.

The proposed 780,000 square foot south campus, which is contingent on the north campus expansion, will be built in phases beginning with an ambulatory care centre, expanding to include inpatient beds not dependent on a 24/7 emergency department, and construction of a full-service hospital within 20 years.

The location for RVH's south campus has not been chosen yet, however, RVH's Site Selection Committee has narrowed down its search from a 225 square kilometer area in Innisfil and south Barrie to nine top-ranked parcels. The Board of Directors will approve the south campus location in 2020.

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