On August 10th, the provincial government announced funding approval of our redevelopment and expansion project. It was an historic day for our community. This investment will allow us to expand our hospital services to meet the increasing future health care needs of our patients and their families.

Burlington is a growing city – our population is expanding, our residents are aging and their health care needs are becoming more complex. To meet their needs we must work together to build a better hospital. This will mean improved health care services for not only the residents of Burlington but also for residents of Waterdown, Stoney Creek, and the East Hamilton area who often make Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital their hospital of choice.

So what will having a new and improved hospital mean for our patients and their families? Our redevelopment and expansion project will include a new six-floor tower on our site and 76 additional inpatient beds. It will mean lower wait times in our Emergency Department and for surgery. We will be able to expand our Cancer Clinic, our Intensive Care Unit (ICU), our outpatient services, our Ambulatory Care programs and increase the number of private patient rooms. In short, it means we will be able to deliver high quality, safe care in a state-of-the-art facility.

Our community should be proud of the strong support and commitment that we have received from our municipal council in making our redevelopment and expansion a reality. I'd like to thank Mayor Rick Goldring and all members of council for their strong leadership and the $60 million civic contribution to the project shows that they continue to believe in the importance of top quality health care and hospital services in our community.

We will begin construction on a new parking structure and power plant next year and our plan is to be shovel-ready by 2013/14, followed by the actual construction starting in early 2014/15. At the same time we will be working on a major capital campaign to raise $60 million for this project. Our community has always been incredibly supportive of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital and we believe our community will lead us forward through a successful campaign.

This is a time of transformational change at JBMH and an exciting future is unfolding. Our government funding approval is a major milestone as is our 50th Anniversary. Both give us reasons to celebrate.

In the months ahead we will continue to keep you, our community, informed and provide updates on our redevelopment project and capital campaign. We value your support and we remain committed to providing the best care to you and your family today and tomorrow.

Eric Vandewall
President and CEO

Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital provides health care, wellness and education to over 170,000 patients every year.

Redevelopment and Expansion Highlights:
- 76 additional acute care beds
- Expanded Cancer Clinic
- Increased number of private patient rooms from 15% toward the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) new design guidelines of 80%
- Expanded Ambulatory Care programs
- New Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- 10 new Operating Rooms
- Expanded medical, surgical and outpatient services
- Associated support space
- Additional above ground parking spots
Our Work is Just Beginning

The long-awaited provincial approval of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital’s redevelopment and expansion project means so much for health care in our community. This approval, championed by the hospital’s Board of Governors, the Foundation Board of Directors, JBMH staff, physicians, volunteers, and community leaders and partners, represents years of hard work to ensure our community will have a hospital that serves the needs of every patient for years to come. Yet even with provincial approval, our work is just beginning.

Soon we will begin construction of a state-of-the-art medical facility, a project made possible by our government, our city and by the generosity of our community sponsors and donors. As we embark on our capital campaign to raise $60 million for the first phase of development, let me assure you that together we can indeed make a new hospital a reality.

With the development of our new Strategic Plan earlier this year that provides a new roadmap for the delivery of exemplary health care at JBMH and that articulates our vision for “Compassionate Care. Exemplary Service. Every Time.” we are on the verge of real transformational change in how we provide health care in this community and I believe we, as a community, are ready to embrace that change.

Fulfilling Our Vision

When your health becomes uncertain, nothing matters more than getting it back. This revelation was brought home to me when I was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2010 and was treated at JBMH’s Cancer Clinic. My experience being in the care of Dr. Sidney Gee and the amazing team at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital intensified my already strong commitment to helping our community hospital succeed in becoming a leading practice community hospital in Canada.

At the heart of any great community, and Burlington is one of the best, is great health care. Our vision is to be a model for community health care in Canada. With our strong leadership teams, including the hospital’s Board of Governors and Foundation’s Board of Directors, and the support of our community, I am certain we’re going to make this vision happen.

My personal health challenge reminded me that nothing is more important than health. The cancer cure rate in Ontario is the highest on the planet at 62 per cent. I am thankful to be one of that fortunate group and that my support will help JBMH continue to offer top-notch care and exemplary service today and tomorrow.

The Support of Our City

Ted McMeekin, MPP Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale delivered the news of our government approval in person at a reception held in the hospital’s north east parking lot. Mr. McMeekin is a true champion of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital and thanks to his support a new hospital in Burlington will become a reality.

Mayor Rick Goldring and many other esteemed City Council members were on hand to celebrate the announcement of government funding approval for Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital’s redevelopment and expansion project on August 10th. Mayor Goldring is pictured here with Eric Vandewall, JBMH President and CEO.
As a new member of the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital family, I could not have joined the organization at a more exciting time. I have the honour of leading, as its new President, a Foundation that in 2010/11 raised $2.9 million to go towards the purchase of urgently needed equipment for our Cancer Clinic, Surgical Unit, Maternal and Child Unit and other critical care areas. Thanks to the generosity of our community and our dedicated sponsors and donors, we have achieved some extraordinary things for our community hospital. And now, with our redevelopment and expansion in sight, the Foundation will embark on the largest fundraising effort our community has ever seen – a $60 million capital campaign. No small feat but based on the incredible dedication and support shown by our donors, the Board of Directors and all of our volunteers, our staff, and our community at large, I believe we are headed in the right direction – success.

This year is a year of milestones for JBMH, not the least of which is the hospital’s 50th anniversary. This year has also been a year of transition as we have been preparing the JBMH Foundation for the future. As we prepare for the largest hospital redevelopment expansion in our city’s history, we are privileged that our community shows so much passion and a true engagement towards building a hospital that will meet the health care needs of our community for years to come.

The City of Burlington’s contribution of $60 million towards JBMH’s redevelopment project has set the tone for what we know will be a successful, ambitious and unprecedented capital campaign. This is indeed an exciting time.
Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital first opened its doors in 1961 and has not seen a major change to its footprint in more than 40 years. With a growing and aging population in Burlington, our redevelopment and expansion will allow us to meet the complex future health care needs of patients in this community and beyond.