

MASTER PLANNING

The Future of Care at Haliburton Highlands Health Services



Over the next 20 years, the population in Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) catchment area is expected to increase by 22%, while the 80+ population will grow by 59% in the next 10 years¹. This demographic shift brings opportunities to improve access to primary care, emergency services, and long-term care across the County of Haliburton.

This Master Planning effort represents a unique and much-needed opportunity in the history of HHHS to rethink and revitalize our healthcare infrastructure. By addressing these critical issues, we can build a healthcare system that is robust and capable of meeting the needs of our community both **now and into the future**.

Bringing Care Closer to Home

HHHS is currently beginning the Master Planning process. At this early stage, all plans and ideas are conceptual and will develop further through ongoing collaboration with the community and our design teams. Over the next 10 years, our Master Plan includes:



New & Expanded Services

Expand access to the Urgent Care Clinic, add a new unattached Primary Care Clinic, introduce new specialty clinics such as Internal Medicine and Gynecology Clinics and bring MRI services to the community.



Expanded Long-Term Care

Increase long-term care capacity to add an additional 68 new beds, bringing the total to a minimum of 160 long-term care beds in one location.



Expanded Acute Care Capacity

Nearly double the number of inpatient hospital beds with a mix of chronic continuing care and rehab beds, so patients can receive the right treatment and care to recover close to home.



Enhanced Emergency Department

Expand the size of the Emergency Department with dedicated staff spaces, procedure rooms to eliminate hallway medicine, and purpose-built airborne isolation rooms to manage the cold and flu season.

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¹ Ministry of Finance data as required by Ministry of Health

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Frequently Asked Questions About Master Planning



What is a Master Plan?

Mandated by Ontario's Ministry of Health, Hospital Master Planning is a long-term process that assesses the adequacy and functionality of facilities, ensuring spaces meet the needs of our community both today and tomorrow. This involves planning for mid-term (five to 10 years) and long-term (15, 20, and 30 years) needs. In long-term care (LTC), Master Planning defines the high-level priorities, specific goals and early vision for the future. The Hospital and LTC Master Plans are interdependent.

What are the Master Plan Engagement Objectives?

(1) Obtain government approval for the Long-Term Care expansion and expand to improve access to care at the Hospital; (2) increase awareness of the Master Plans; and (3) encourage community co-design and respond to questions.

What is Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) vision for the future?

Together, we will be the model of excellence in rural healthcare. We are rethinking and optimizing health and wellbeing in Haliburton County where residents and visitors have access to primary care, emergency care, acute/inpatient care, ambulatory/outpatient care, community support services and programs, and long-term care.

When will all of this happen?

Constructing new healthcare spaces is a complex process with multiple stages of planning and approvals that can take, on average, 10 years or more to complete. Since we are in the initial stages of the Master Planning process, the plans and ideas are conceptual and will evolve as we continue to collaborate with the community, government, and our design teams.

Why share these plans with the community now?

Our community is a key partner throughout this process. Co-designing with our community including seasonal visitors at the very early stages of Master Planning will result in the best rural healthcare model, leading to plans that will encompass a future of care that the Highlands can be proud of.

How can I learn more?

We are hosting a **Future of Care Forum** Town Hall series at our Minden site auditorium and virtually, where the community is invited to learn more about these plans and ask their important questions.

Future of Care Forum #1: What's on the Go at HHHS
February 19, 2025
6 pm to 7:30 pm

Future of Care Forum #2: The Future of LTC
March 5, 2025
6 pm to 8 pm

Future of Care Forum #3: The Future of Acute Care
March 26, 2025
6 pm to 8 pm

To learn more about the Future of Care and to RSVP to any of the three Town Halls, please visit www.hhhs.ca/Master-Planning or [sign-up for our email list](#).