

RVH is imagining an exciting future for healthcare in our region

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We know healthcare is one of your top concerns and that's why RVH is planning for the future; a future which includes, not just determining how to best use the space still available within its current Georgian Drive facility, but planning for a new, state-of-the-art south campus to meet evolving healthcare needs in rapidly-growing south Simcoe County.

Site selection

We are about half-way through our year-long planning exercise which includes choosing a site for our proposed south campus. The site selection process is being led by a Site Selection Committee, chaired by our current health centre board Chair Michael O'Keefe, and includes community members. The committee has developed a fair, transparent process, including mandatory and desirable criteria, for choosing a location for RVH's future south campus.

Based on current service gaps and projected population growth, the location search has focused on an area west of Lake Simcoe; east of Highway 400; south of Kempenfelt Bay (encompassing Barrie's annexed lands) and south to the 14th line (just south of Highway 89). Through broad engagement, a narrow area west of Highway 400 is now also being considered.

All short-listed locations will be subject to the same clear criteria, ensuring the site is aligned with municipal and provincial zoning and environmental regulations, is able to be serviced now or in the future, is accessible and will support strong community connections.

Robust community engagement has been vital in helping RVH narrow down the list of potential locations for the south campus. Preferred locations will be presented to the RVH Board of Directors in December.

Community Engagement

RVH is committed to broad and genuine engagement with stakeholders. We've developed innovative approaches to ensure our communities' voices are heard.

The RVH Street Team spoke with residents at farmers' markets, festivals and grocery stores this summer, gathering invaluable input about programs and services, south campus location and building design.



RVH's "Blue Brigade" volunteers, equipped with iPads, surveyed patients and families in ambulatory settings throughout the health centre, including waiting rooms. Through our bedside entertainment system we've engaged patients and extensively used social media polling to gain instant feedback.

So far we've had more than 10,000 interactions with our patients and families, community and health partners, TEAM RVH, diverse communities and the general public.

Our goal

In the end, a strong vision for the future will emerge, reflecting healthcare providers' knowledge, patients' voices, the region's needs, and provincial health priorities. To stay up-to-date on our progress and share your ideas, visit www.rvhplanourfuture.ca.

