

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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TITLE: MACKENZIE HEALTH ANNUAL UPDATE - 2023

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, City Manager

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

In 2023, Mackenzie Health, through the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, delivered an extensive range of programs and services to support the healthcare needs of Vaughan's growing community. This report provides an update on key milestones and achievements by Mackenzie Health in 2023 and plans for future activities at the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct.

Report Highlights

- Since opening in 2021, the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital has delivered significant health, employment and economic benefits to Vaughan, and Mackenzie Health has plans for future growth to meet the growing healthcare needs of the local community and of an aging population.
- Expansion of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital services and the establishment of a long-term care facility on the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct (VHCP) lands are important steps in the development of the VHCP as a world-class destination for health and health innovation that will enhance the City's social and economic vitality.
- Since construction officially started on the new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in October 2016, Mackenzie Health has continued to provide public updates to Council and the community on hospital operations and strategic planning.
- The VHCP partners continue to collaborate to advance towards the realization of the VHCP as a world-class destination for excellence in health research, education, innovation and commercialization.

Recommendations

1. THAT Council receive an update from Altaf Stationwala, CEO of Mackenzie Health, regarding key achievements at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in 2023 and growth plans for future expansion of Mackenzie Health facilities and services in Vaughan.

Background

On June 6, 2021, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital opened as a full-service hospital, creating much-needed health care capacity for York Region and expanding access to care for the local community.

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is the first hospital to be built in the City of Vaughan, and the first net new hospital to be built in Ontario in more than 30 years. Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is also the first smart hospital in Canada, featuring fully integrated smart technology systems and medical devices that can speak directly to one another to maximize information exchange and enable improved patient care. Through modern and proven best practices, the hospital is providing state-of-the-art health care and positive outcomes for patients and their families.

In December 2023, Mackenzie Health celebrated the 60th anniversary of caring for the York Region community and the many advancements the Mackenzie Health system has made since it opened its first location in Richmond Hill in 1963.

Today, Mackenzie Health is now a two-hospital system operating more than 800 beds, encompassing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, a network of community-based locations and a long-term care home supporting more than 550,000 residents across western York Region and beyond.

Mackenzie Health continues to make improvements to its physical spaces and expand the programs and services it delivers to keep up with the community's growing needs.

Beyond expansion to a two-hospital system with the establishment of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, Mackenzie Health continues to be a leader in technological modernization and innovation. In 2017, Mackenzie Health became the first hospital system in Canada to launch a full-suite Epic electronic medical record system, giving clinicians access to real-time, integrated clinical information about their patients. In 2018, it became the first acute-care hospital in Canada to achieve EMRAM 7, the highest level of electronic medical record adoption from the Healthcare Information

Management Systems Society. In April 2022, Mackenzie Health announced support from the provincial government to meet the needs of an aging population in York Region by building a new long-term care home adjacent to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

The annual presentation from Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO of Mackenzie Health, will provide an update on hospital operations, new programs developed to address operational challenges, progress on Mackenzie Health's strategic plan, collaboration with the York University School of Medicine, and approaches to planning for future growth of the local community.

Since construction officially started on the new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in October 2016, Mackenzie Health has remained committed to keeping municipal partners and the broader community updated on the operations of Mackenzie Health as a two-hospital organization. Since then, hospital leadership has continued to provide public updates to Council and the community. Mackenzie Health also plays a pivotal role as a member of the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct partnership and continues to collaborate with the City, York University, and ventureLAB to catalyze health innovation and develop the next generation of healthcare talent.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Mackenzie Health Annual Update – 2022 – Committee of the Whole \(2\) – May 9, 2023](#)

[Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct Advisory Task Force Findings Report \(Transmittal\) – December 12, 2022](#)

[Ontario Building New Long-Term Care Beds in Vaughan - April 20, 2022](#)

[Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital officially opens as a full-service community hospital – June 6, 2021](#)

[Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital officially opens as a system solution to fight COVID-19 – February 7, 2021](#)

[Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct – Enabling Next Steps – Committee of the Whole \(2\) Report – Tuesday, February 8, 2022](#)

[City of Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct Feasibility Study and Partnership – Committee of the Whole \(2\) Report – Wednesday, October 13, 2021](#)

[City of Vaughan Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital Advisory Taskforce – Committee of the Whole \(1\) Report – Tuesday, June 1, 2021](#)

[City of Vaughan news release, announcing the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by the healthcare precinct partners, dated October 2nd, 2019](#)

[Partnership to Advance Economic Development Opportunities in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct – Committee of the Whole Report – Tuesday, June 4, 2019](#)

Analysis and Options

York Region’s population is expected to grow by more than 35 per cent over the next 20 years and Mackenzie Health continues to plan for future expansion and growth as it looks towards the next sixty years.

On April 20, 2022, Mackenzie Health announced support from the provincial government to meet the needs of an aging population in York Region by building a new long-term care home adjacent to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

The new Mackenzie Health Long-Term Care facility will create 256 new long-term care beds in Vaughan to meet the healthcare needs of seniors in the community. Building a new long-term care home in Vaughan on the lands adjacent to the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will help integrate the long-term care home into the broader healthcare system and ensure the health ageing of local residents. Construction is expected to start in Winter 2025.

Expansion of the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and the establishment of a long-term care facility on the VHCP lands are important steps in the development of the VHCP as a world-class destination for health and health innovation that will enhance the City’s social and economic vitality.

As an integral partner on the development of the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct (VHCP), Mackenzie Health will play a central role in advancing the strategic goals of the VHCP partnership.

The corridor between the two Mackenzie Health hospital locations in Vaughan and Richmond Hill is an important asset that will support the development and success of the future Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct (VHCP). As a foundational healthcare system providing a broad range of clinical and community-based services, Mackenzie

Health will provide unique opportunities for work-integrated learning, industry-academic collaborations, and medical innovation as a key VHCP partner.

The connections between the Mackenzie Health hospital locations in Richmond Hill and Vaughan, and the forthcoming long-term care home, provide a unique opportunity to leverage activities at both hospitals to provide next-generation medical education and experiential training for students at the recently announced York University School of Medicine. Mackenzie Health is also an important partner in facilitating the commercialization and adoption of cutting-edge healthcare technologies, including digital health solutions and technologies which support health aging.

Through the VHCP partnership, the City, Mackenzie Health, York University, and ventureLAB will continue to collaborate towards the realization of the VHCP as a world-class destination for excellence in health research, education, innovation and commercialization.

Collectively, the expertise and physical co-location of each member organization in the Partnership provides an opportunity to leverage cross-disciplinary expertise and establish the VHCP as a leading medical innovation node. The partners continue to work together to engage in key activities and collaborative initiatives that will advance the partnership's key strategic goals:

1. Translate research and innovation to policy and practice;
2. Leverage data analytics and machine learning to advance quality and efficiency of care;
3. Develop and commercialize health technologies; and
4. Prepare the healthcare and health tech workforce of the future.

Financial Impact

None.

Operational Impact

None.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Mackenzie Health is a regional organization spanning two municipalities in York Region.

The Vaughan Healthcare Precinct will also become an important regional asset and major employment node that will create economic opportunity and attract skilled labour

from across York Region.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Committee receive the update from Altaf Stationwala, CEO of Mackenzie Health, regarding key achievements at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in 2023, and plans for future expansion of Mackenzie Health facilities and services in Vaughan.

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Attachments

None.

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