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Nicholls Building to be demolished in the New Year

Peterborough, ON: Peterborough Regional Health Centre will be demolishing its Nicholls building in the New Year. Included will also be the adjoining small maintenance building and the old smoke stack. Now the parking lot is complete, this is the final stage of site development for the new hospital.

“Approved last summer, PRHC’s Hospital Improvement Plan noted that the energy and occupancy costs, as well as the capacity of the new building, made decision to decommission Nicholls a prudent one. We are pleased to pressing ahead with this now,” said Ken Tremblay, President and CEO.

PRHC is working with the LHIN and MOH regarding the final costs and revenue sources to finance the demolition. An RFP process is underway to hire a demolition contractor to do the work. It’s expected that the work will be in the \$1M region. Final decisions on this project are scheduled to be brought to the PRHC Board at its January 26 meeting.

The Nicholls building is now completely vacant and has been closed off since November. The building had different uses over the years, but in recent decades has housed the hospital’s mental health programs and services. PRHC’s mental health programs and services are now located in the new hospital.

PRHC will hold an open public meeting in February for local residents and neighbours of the hospital that are interested in the demolition process—which includes abatement of hazardous materials once used in the construction of old buildings.

The demolition will take place over the first half of 2011. It is scheduled to begin in February. About 80% of the materials will be recycled or used as infill. The process will be similar to the demolition of the former Civic hospital. Once it is finished the area will be grassed over.

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