

Welcome to **Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital**



Smiths Falls Site

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The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital (PSFDH) strives to be the hospital of choice for residents and is committed to excellence in a patient and family-centred care environment and to the promotion of wellness and health.

The PSFDH Team takes unwavering pride in its services and facilities and are dedicated to providing compassionate support and having uncompromising standards. At the same time, PSFDH personalizes, humanizes and demystifies the healthcare experience for patients and their families while using the latest in healthcare technology.

About the **MRI Project - Key Milestones**

- December 2021 - Ministry approval to proceed with the MRI
- July 2022 - MRI RFP completed
- January 2023 - MRI design and build completed
- February 2023 - recruitment of MRI trained team completed
- March 2023 - relocation of displaced clinical services completed
- March 13, 2023 - Construction commenced
- Groundbreaking Ceremony - Friday, June 23, 2023
- Next milestones:
 - MRI Delivery August 1, 2023
 - Construction completion September 2023
 - First patient scanned October 2023
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony - date to be confirmed - late September/early October

Why does **PSFDH Need an MRI?**

- Care closer to home for the patients and to better support families
- MRI is becoming the clinical standard for newly trained Physicians in patient diagnosis
- Recruitment and retention of our Physicians and other healthcare professionals
- Reduce pressure on ED wait times, length of stay and impact to vulnerable and elderly community
- Support PSFDH's regional role in accepting patients as well as supporting regional MRI hospital patient backlogs
- Increase costs sending patients from PSFDH and care delays

Benefits to **Our Community**

- The MRI machine will perform approximately 3,100 scans per year.
- This state-of-the-art technology is important because MRI scans illustrate more clearly than ever before, the difference between healthy and diseased tissue, and can provide important information about the brain, spine, joints and internal organs. It can lead to early detection and treatment of disease and has no known side effects. MRI technology at PSFDH will help to reduce wait times in the region, minimize patient and family travel – keeping care closer to home.
- Not having this level of diagnostics at PSFDH can cause undue stress for patients due to additional pressures of coordinating appointments, travelling to possibly unfamiliar areas in the city, delayed testing, results and treatment. The MRI is also key in attracting and retaining healthcare professionals to our hospital and community.
- MRI service brings care closer to home and raises the bar around access to advanced diagnostics. With advanced diagnostics comes the ability to improve the care provided at PSFDH and ease the patient and family burden of travelling to larger centres for services.
- MRI technology allows PSFDH to support more specialized care that would not be possible.
- Recruitment and retention of health care professionals allowing us to expand our services to our community.
 - New grads and young health care professionals expect that they organization they join will have state-of-the-art technology such as advance diagnostics. Medical students and residents in training see MRI as an essential tool. Having the service in place is also a tool that will support our current highly skilled staff and professional staff.

MRI Project - **Fundraising and Funding**

- As the hospital's fundraising partner, the Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital Foundation is seeking the support of our community to raise the needed \$6.1 million over three years to bring MRI technology to PSFDH.
- Three year campaign led by the Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital Foundation
- Total project cost: \$6.1 million
 - \$4.1 million = cost of MRI (including installation and set-up)
 - \$2 million = renovation cost
- Local community events hosted to bring awareness to the project and to fundraise
 - Family Fun Day
 - Galas, golf tournaments, etc.
- Cultivating large/major donors to support the MRI project



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