

Hospital wing shown for first time

By JANE MULLER
Staff Writer

The unveiling of a drawing last week represented the first time the \$15 million expansion to the hospital could be visualized rather than envisioned.

A presentation of the artist's rendering at the fourth annual meeting of Milton District Hospital Foundation was the highlight of the gathering Wed., Feb. 8.

The only disappointment expressed by foundation president John Ostler was few residents were there to share in the occasion.

George Okamura and Dan Dunlop of the Toronto based architectural firm Dunlop Farrow, Aitken and Cansfield were featured guests along with fund raising committee chairman Bruce Dolson.

What will be the second addition to the 25-year-old hospital was described as "the first phase of a major new hospital and a nucleus for further development" by Mr. Dunlop, a senior partner in the firm.

His association with Milton District Hospital goes back nearly 20 years when his firm was designing the first addition completed in 1967.

The two storey addition to begin this fall will be larger than the original hospital and employ from 50 to 60 more staff.

The facility has a current full time staff equivalent of 130 which represents about 200 full and part time employees.

While the addition was designed to "tie in" with the existing building, the architects actually turned their backs on the old building.

Those entering the hospital from the new access off Bronte St. will be greeted by an ultra-modern entrance complete with a transparent canopy.

Visitors will use the existing entrance and emergency and out-patients will enter at the new wing.

The expansion which was first proposed five years ago will house emergency and out-patient facilities on the ground level as well as x-ray, radiology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy departments.

The basement storage area will be linked with the main floor by conveyor belts. A specimen collection suite will adjoin the laboratory in the lower level.

A 30-bed chronic care unit, a 10 bed pediatric department, a six bed intensive care unit and activity room will take up the second floor.

Looking ahead to future expansion possibilities, a third floor may be added to the wing.

The architects may have set their sights on the future but fund raisers have their eyes on a \$1 million funding target for the current expansion project.

"We are well on our way to achieving our goal," Mr. Dolson told foundation members.

At the time of the meeting \$660,013 had been pledged to the expansion campaign fund.

Mr. Dolson explained the campaign is at a high point and for that reason a big push will be required in the coming months. He hopes to see the goal achieved by June in plenty of time for the fall sod turning.

The business portion of the meeting preceding a slide presentation by project architect Mr. Okamura and Mr. Dolson's campaign update included the election of officers and a financial report.

Approximately \$306,000 was transferred to the expansion fund from the foundation's \$351,000 general fund. The foundation coffers are filled through bequests, memorial donations and memberships.

Of the 12 board members only three were faced with expired terms of office. John Ostler and Jack McGeachie were elected to their second three-year terms. John Grimshaw decided not to run for a second term and his board seat was filled by Murray Wilson.

Foundation board members Matt Jaeklein, Mike Ledwith and Ken Newell have one year left in their terms. The terms of office for Shelagh Conway, Jim Dills and Omer Vansickle expire in 1986.



This is the artist's conception of what the new \$15 million addition to the Milton District Hospital will look like when it is completed. The drawing is being shown for the first time.

Plan is to contact . . .

. . . every Miltonian

Phone blitz is underway

The "Person-to-Person" campaign for funds for the Milton District Hospital expansion was officially launched Monday night by volunteers manning a bank of phones at Milton Mall.

They have begun the mammoth task of calling every family in Milton and district, to arrange canvasser appointments.

Campaign chairman Anne Ptolemy reports a host of volunteers has been recruited but more office staff, telephone workers and canvassers will be needed before the six-week campaign ends, hopefully before the end of March.

Each volunteer is being asked to donate one or two afternoons or evenings to help with the campaign.

Response to date has been "very gratifying", she said.

Dozens of Milton and area residents mailed in cheques for amounts of up to \$200 as a result of an information package distributed to every home by Halton Advertiser carriers on Jan. 26.

"We have been getting 15 to 20 cheques in the mail every day," she said, "and we really appreciate the people mailing in their donations, as it saves us time making calls to those people."

Anyone who has already donated will not be approached during the phone campaign.

The first person to call campaign headquarters and ask for a canvasser to call, was an 80-year-old woman who had been treated at the local hospital a few years ago.

"She said she was very happy with the care she received and she praised the staff for their kindness," Mrs. Ptolemy said.

The woman told her she had always been poor but she had been saving up some money from her old age pension and was happy to give the hospital a cheque for \$500.

"That was a really heart-warming start for our person-to-person campaign," Mrs. Ptolemy said.

Co-Chairman of the drive for funds is town councillor Colin Best. Other members of the "person-to-person" committee are Rose Harrison, Roger Trull, Rose Shannon, Barb Richardson, Liz Frame, Matt Jaeklein, Roy Downs, Joyce Scott and Bob Martin.

The campaign has also received volunteer support from a variety of local organizations and service clubs.

Working on the phone campaign and canvass during the first two weeks will be volunteers representing Emmanuel Baptist Church, John Milton IODE, Rotary Club, Baha'i Community, Italian-Canadian Club, Newcomers Club, The Milton Players, Hospital Auxiliary, Milton Senior Citizens, Bank of Commerce Staff, and the new Businesswomen's Club.



The phones started ringing Monday night as the Hospital Expansion Fund moves into high gear in an attempt to contact everyone in Milton to ask for a donation to the expansion fund. Blitzers are from left: Helen McGeachie, Marie Clements, Phyl Raspberry and Eileen Martin.

Milton Mall management has donated space for the telephone campaign in the mall concourse, plus a spare office upstairs. Volunteers are expected to staff the phones from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, working in two to three hour shifts, to ensure that every home in Milton and district is contacted.

The hospital campaign goal is \$1 million

and to date, close to \$650,000 has been given or pledged.

Organizers hope the "person-to-person" campaign and several special events scheduled from now to the end of June will put the growing "wall of bricks" over the top.

'Citizens' feted Feb 25

By KEN MABERLY

On Saturday, February 25, Milton citizens will have the chance to honor fellow citizens for their outstanding contributions to the town during 1983.

The occasion is the annual Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Night Dinner and Dance.

Awards will be presented to Milton's Citizen of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, and to the people responsible for the best Civic Improvement in 1983.

John Ostler, chairman of the Milton District Hospital Foundation, will receive the award for Milton's Citizen of the Year.

The award for Businessperson of the Year will be given to Audrey Jesch, the operator of a dance wear store and dance studio.

She is a director with the Milton Chamber of Commerce and is involved with Dance Masters of America, the Milton Arts Council and the Canadian Dance Teachers Association.

The Fifth Wheel Truck Stop will receive the award for Business of the Year because of its involvement with many community activities such as the Santa Claus Parade and the hospital expansion campaign.

The Organization of the Year award will be presented to the Milton District Hospital Expansion Campaign Committee.

Tickets for the awards night are available in a number of locations in Milton and from Chamber of Commerce Directors.

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