

Robert Hofmann in his own words

Excerpts from WLMH interview – “Robert Hofmann: An Introduction”

Robert Hofmann has been hired as the Project Director for the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital’s new building project and he starts full-time on April 1, 2010. Here are excerpts from an interview now on-line at www.wlmh.on.ca

What do you see as your first steps when you arrive in Grimsby?

First, I will want to begin introducing myself to all parties concerned with the project: hospital staff and the people and volunteers that play a part within the hospital, the community leaders who support this project so wholeheartedly, as well as Ministry officials. I want to spend time and familiarize myself with the staff and management and understand the operations at West Lincoln.

At the same time, we have submitted the functional program to the Ministry of Health so there will be some back-and-forth in getting that approved. The Ministry is going to have questions and I want to be able to anticipate the issues and be the contact person for them. It’s important to drive the functional program approval process, in an attempt to keep things rolling to get to design phase as quickly as possible.

What are your personal thoughts as you come into your new position at WLMH?

I am very excited to starting this project and looking forward to focusing on this new challenge. I know the community has been looking for this project to get started for some time now. I have been introduced to some of the volunteers in the coffee shop and the most asked question is simply, “When is our new hospital going to be built?” I appreciate this community perspective. Sudbury was in the same boat when I arrived on the scene – they actually had a project that was stopped half way through and had a six-story patient tower that was sitting empty. There was a tremendous community concern and focus on getting the project going in Sudbury, as there is here today. It is something that I have been through, I’m accustomed to, and I look forward to assisting WLMH and the community in getting this project underway.

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