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What's Happening? New Parking Lot and Lambert House Relocation

Additional Parking on Queen Street

Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital marks another milestone by acquiring land for a new surface parking lot to be located on the north side of Queen Street. Conveniently located adjacent to the hospital, this lot provides essential, permanent parking capacity to support parking needs throughout construction of the redeveloped Bowmanville Hospital. This essential enabling project was made possible through a community partnership with Andrew Rice and family.

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Lambert House Relocation Begins New Chapter for Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment

In June, we reached a significant milestone for the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment project as the century-old heritage Lambert House was carefully relocated to its new home on the Prince Street side of the hospital property.

Originally opened in 1926 as a residence for nurses, Lambert House holds deep historical and community significance in Bowmanville. Placing Lambert House at the new hospital entrance means every patient and visitor will pass the building where Bowmanville's tradition of care began; a gateway between Lambert House's original story in nursing and Bowmanville's new modern, state-of-the-art health-care facility.

The move represents a significant milestone and arrives in a year of celebration for the Bowmanville community, which marks both the 100th anniversary of Lambert House and the 50th anniversary of the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation.

[Visit our website to learn more.](#)



Request for Proposals Closes for the Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment Project

Lakeridge Health and the Ontario government take another step forward in the Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment journey. Shortlisted teams submitted their detailed proposals, signaling the close of the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage. Through a fair, open and transparent process, pre-qualified shortlisted teams were invited to respond to the RFP in September 2025. The teams, Bowmanville Health Partners and PCL Partnerships, have now submitted their proposals, which detail how they would design, build, and finance the redeveloped Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital.

Over the following months, the proposals will be carefully evaluated by Infrastructure Ontario and Lakeridge Health. The outcome of this evaluation is a decision to award the contract to one of the shortlisted teams. This milestone is expected to take place in fall 2026, with construction anticipated to begin shortly afterward. A fairness monitor is overseeing the entire procurement process.

The Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment advances Lakeridge Health's vision of **One System. Best Health.** by supporting the delivery of integrated, high-quality care close to home. Once complete, the new Bowmanville Hospital will increase the number of beds and introduce modern, patient-centered facilities.

[Read the full announcement on our website.](#)

Land Purchased from Rice Family Supports Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment

The addition of new parking capacity on Queen Street is made possible through a deep-rooted community partnership with the Rice family. Since 1971, John and Janet Rice envisioned a future where their family property would serve the long-term health needs of their beloved community.

Their son Andrew Rice's personal leadership was instrumental in making this a reality. He worked tirelessly to honour his parents' memory by ensuring that the transition of property was handled with care and respect for the community, including carefully relocating several residents and two local businesses to nearby locations:

- **Pizza Hut (just one block away)**
229 King St E
Bowmanville, ON L1C 1P8
905-448-3446
- **Bowmanville Glass**
151 Wellington St
Bowmanville, ON L1C 1W2
905-623-3410

Care was taken by Mr. Rice to maximize use of local contractors and services, and to recycle, repurpose, donate and rehome as much material as possible.

Community Partnership is a Personal Journey for Andrew Rice

From a legacy of generosity to clear-eyed community commitment, we sat down to learn from community champion, Andrew Rice

Q 1: Years ago, your parents, John and Janet, had a vision of partnership to support local health care with your family property. What was the specific moment or conversation that made you realize this property had to become part of the hospital's future?

A 1: I clearly remember the day in September 2024: our dear friend and long-time hospital supporter Kirk Kemp had stopped by for a visit in my mom's sunroom just five weeks before she passed on. He offered to connect me with the hospital as my mom described how she and my dad had talked in the past about a future where their land provided a benefit to the hospital and the community.

Q 2: You've done the heavy lifting of coordinating with both residential and commercial tenants to ensure their relocation was handled with care and compassion. What was the most rewarding—or perhaps the most challenging—part of managing those personal relationships during this transition?

A 2: Initially, those tenants had tears in their eyes and fear on their faces. But that quickly changed when they realized that their needs had been considered and they now had a critical role to play in the success of the hospital redevelopment. I will never forget what Teresa at Pizza Hut told me in that moment: Relocation is a huge problem, but my husband is alive because of a hospital, so I get what you are trying to do here.



Q 3: Your family has set an incredible example of “stepping up.” What message do you hope your actions send to other local families or business owners about the impact they can have on their community and the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment?

A 3: With an aging population and a world of budget restrictions, we hope all realize that we each need to all find our own way to support this project. We all have family members, friends or neighbours who have turned to the hospital for help in terrifying moments. If we come together as a community to make the redevelopment project a success, we can create a significant and lasting impact by supporting Lakeridge Health and the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation.

The partners who made this real estate transaction happen include local residents, Pizza Hut and Bowmanville Glass, who all needed to relocate, and the Bowmanville Family Restaurant who are welcoming Pizza Hut as new neighbours. I would be remiss not to recognize the local councillors, real estate agents, Bowmanville Hospital Foundation, Lakeridge Health, my right-hand maintenance man Jay, and certainly not the least, my wife with all of the extra hours involved. There were countless others who stepped up with their expertise every single time I asked for help.

Q 4: You clearly believe in the power of local healthcare. Why do you think it is so vital for a community like Clarington to have state-of-the-art care right here at home, rather than having to travel to more distant sites?

A 4: Over the 42 days in the summer of 2024 when my mom was in Bowmanville Hospital, it was so important for her and our family and friends to be with her. During that time, we saw 15 other critically ill roommates and their families also receiving care in this hospital, each one of whom went home better. Having a local hospital makes it so much easier for patients to access care, and for their family and friends to support that care. While neither of my parents foresaw their properties being used for a parking lot, I know they would have been 150 per cent on board. The new lot makes things so much easier for staff at the end of long shifts, or family and friends visiting the hospital to support their loved ones. This decision also prevented the building of an expensive parking garage and the associated fundraising requirements.

To learn more about ways to support the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment, [visit our website.](#)

The Municipality of Clarington Fulfills Historic \$7.5 Million Commitment to Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment

The Municipality of Clarington has completed its historic \$7.5 million pledge to the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation, with a final \$3.75 million contribution toward the Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment. This milestone represents another important step forward as work continues to advance a modern, expanded hospital for our growing community.

Through the *We Care, We Can* campaign, the Foundation continues to lead the fundraising effort for the community's share of construction costs and 100 per cent of equipment needs for the redeveloped hospital. The Foundation welcomed the fulfilled commitment as a strong signal of momentum and a powerful example of local partnership in action.



The Bowmanville Hospital Foundation extends its sincere thanks to the Municipality of Clarington, Mayor Adrian Foster, and Council for their leadership and continued commitment to local health care.

Read the full story and learn more about the *We Care, We Can* campaign online at [WeCareWeCan.ca](https://www.bowmanvillehospital.ca/we-care-we-can)

Looking Ahead

The transformation of the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital is well underway, driven by a collective mission. We're proud to work with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Infrastructure, Infrastructure Ontario, and our planning, design and conformance partner to bring this vision to life. We couldn't do it without our community members. Thank you for being part of the journey.

Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment Project Timeline



**Timelines are tentative and subject to change*

Learn more online

lh.ca/about-us/our-future/redeveloping-the-bowmanville-hospital/



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