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Work continues at Norfolk General Hospital to improve the current physical facility with an eye on future development. NGH is undergoing some major upgrades to the very large air handling units located on the roof of the hospital. This work is part of a multi-million dollar undertaking funded by two provincial programs. NGH received \$2.5 million from the Healthcare Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) and \$1.8 million from the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program (HEEP). The work on top of NGH is happening as work crews tackle projects behind the hospital including the replacement of the massive back-up generator systems and some brick restoration.

“Patients and families have seen a lot of action around the hospital as workers demolish and replace these units. We apologize for any inconvenience this work has created. However this is temporary and the end result will provide long term superior comfort and care” stated Kellen Mowat Director of Capital Projects and Redevelopment. The work under the HIRF and HEEP programs is scheduled to be completed later this spring.

Mowat also pointed out that this work will provide increased capacity as NGH prepares to move forward with the Building a Better Hospital Campaign. A 7,000 square foot addition is planned for a new Surgical Day Care Unit. The campaign will also provide a new Birthing Unit and renewed Minimally Invasive Surgery suite. To date, nearly \$10 million has been pledged in donations to this \$13 million project.

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