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**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Ryan Windle, Director of Planning and Development Services  
**Date:** March 9, 2021  
**File No.:** PLN 13.1  
**Re:** **Update on Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Helipad**

As Council is aware, in September 2018, the helipad at the Bowmanville Hospital ceased operations due to safety concerns. Since that time, staff have been working with representatives from Lakeridge Health on securing a temporary site to accommodate emergency air transportation until a permanent rooftop helipad is completed as part of the Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment plan.

In January 2021, the Ministry of Health announced funding to move forward with the development of a temporary helipad. The preferred location is 1160 Haines Street, just south the Bowmanville Cemetery on lands owned by the Municipality of Clarington. Lakeridge Health will enter into a lease agreement with the Municipality for the use of the lands. This will be the subject of a staff report later this spring.

Lakeridge Health has prepared a feasibility assessment to ensure all safety requirements from ORNGE and Transport Canada have been met. Transport Canada requires Lakeridge Health to consult with the public. Lakeridge Health will post a sign on the site and notice will be given to all landowners within 500 metres of the subject lands. The consultation process will commence March 16<sup>th</sup> and end on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The sign and notice are attached hereto for information.

Once final approval is given by Transport Canada, construction will begin in July 2021 and is expected to be complete by end of October 2021, with the helipad operational in November 2021.



Ryan Windle

cc. Department Heads

# Bowmanville Hospital Community Update



Lakeridge  
Health



March 2021

## TEMPORARY HELIPAD SITE

We are pleased to provide the following update on the Bowmanville Hospital's helipad.

For over 30 years, the Bowmanville Hospital's helipad has been used to urgently transfer critically ill patients by helicopter from the hospital to other acute care facilities. Access to air ambulance transport is an essential part of delivering health care services to the Clarington community.

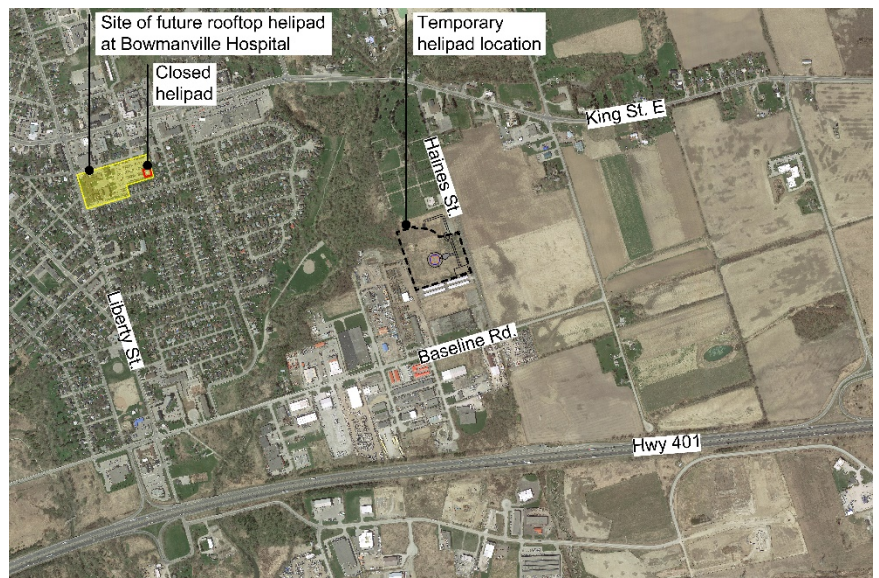


In September 2018, the hospital's helipad ceased operations due to safety concerns. Since that time, Lakeridge Health has been working with ORNGE Air Ambulance Service, along with municipal, provincial, and federal government partners on securing a location, funding, and capital approvals for a temporary heliport site in Bowmanville. This temporary site will accommodate emergency air transportation until a permanent rooftop helipad is completed as part of the Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment plan. Throughout this process we have been guided by feedback from our community partners and members of the local community.

### Site Location

In January 2021, the Ministry of Health announced funding to move forward with the development of a temporary heliport site. A property on Haines Street, a five-minute drive from the hospital and owned by the Municipality of Clarington, has been endorsed by the Ministry of Health.

The site is located in an open field on the west side of Haines Street, east of Soper Creek Forest, south of the Bowmanville Cemetery, and north of existing warehousing. This site is within the municipality's existing 'General Industrial' land use designation.



A feasibility assessment has ensured the site meets all safety requirements and technical standards for both ORNGE and Transport Canada. The heliport will be operated by Lakeridge Health and will be used exclusively to accommodate emergency medical air transportation by helicopter to and from the Bowmanville Hospital. Helicopters may approach or depart the heliport in any direction depending on weather conditions.

### **Construction Timing**

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2021 and is expected to be completed in October 2021.

### **Please Provide Feedback by April 5, 2021**

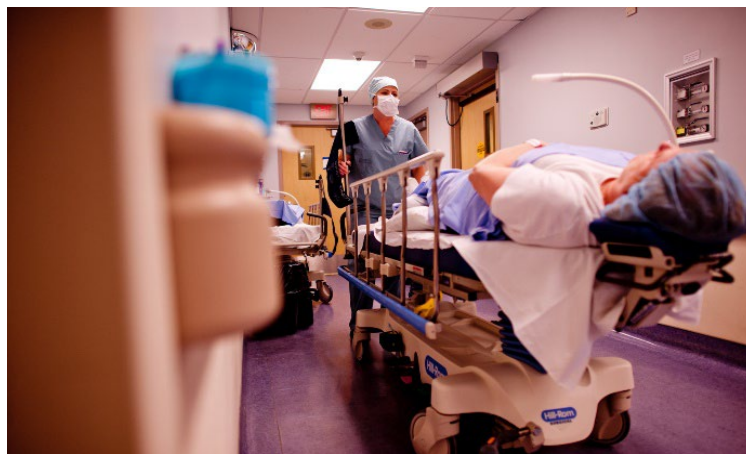
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lakeridge Health at:

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**Thank you for your interest and support of continuing access to critical emergency air transport of patients in the Clarington community and beyond**

## New Temporary Hospital Helipad

Lakeridge Health is developing a temporary helipad on this site to support emergency air transportation to and from the Bowmanville Hospital. This site is owned by the Municipality of Clarington and has been approved by the Ministry of Health.

The temporary helipad will operate on this site until a permanent roof-top helipad is completed as part of the Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment plan. Helicopters may approach or depart the heliport in any direction depending on weather conditions.



For more information please visit the Lakeridge Health website at [www.lh.ca](http://www.lh.ca)

### Questions or Concerns?

Please provide feedback by **5 April 2021**.

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