

Site preparation work begins

Revitalising KEMH

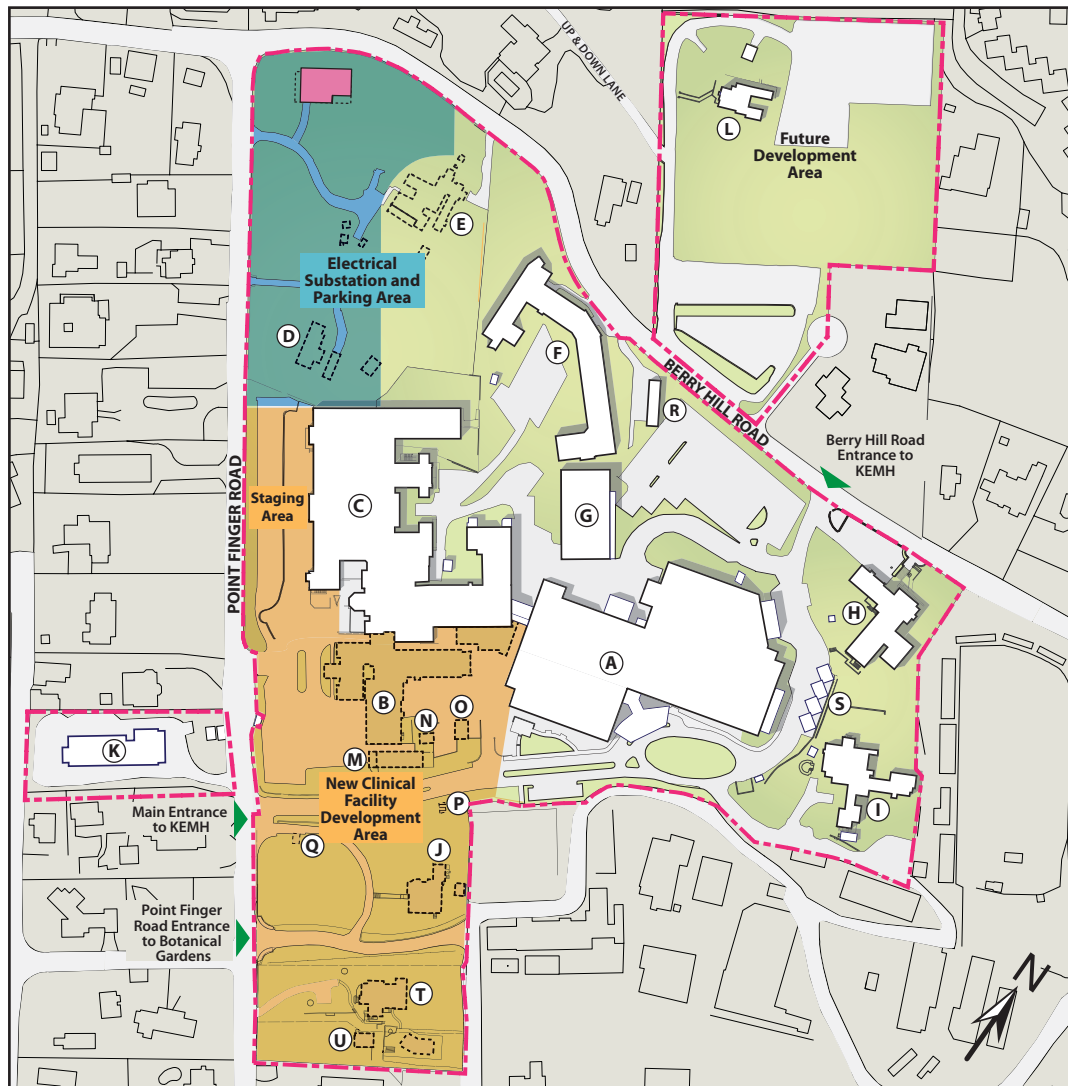
Improvements continue in the existing KEMH building (building A in the site plan). Here is what is happening now:

- On the fourth floor, Perry Ward's patient room and nurses' station upgrades are nearly complete.
- On the ground floor, the Doctors' Lounge refurbishment is complete, and provides a quiet area with workstations where doctors can dictate to our digital transcription service, review digital diagnostic images, lab tests and reports, update electronic patient records via computer, consult with colleagues or review medical journals.
- Major alterations to the Emergency, CT and MRI (digital scanning) areas are in the final planning stages and will result in more privacy and comfort for those waiting for service. The re-designed space will include a large waiting room and children's play area, and a larger pharmacy with its own waiting area.
- New signs to help people find the departments and services they need will be installed inside KEMH starting mid-April.

New Building on the KEMH Site

The procurement process that will lead to a contract between BHB and a private partner continues to progress on schedule. There are some important changes required on the KEMH site in order to prepare for the new facility.

- A new electrical substation, which will serve KEMH and neighbouring residential and commercial properties, is planned to be built on BHB property (see the blue area of the site map). The single storey building will provide the capacity to meet the demands from the neighbourhood and is expected to be completed this autumn. It will also supply electricity to the new facility, once it is completed. The existing substation (M) will be decommissioned in late 2010 to make way for the new facility. This type of forward planning and site readiness is just one example of the work performed by BHB's advisors and project team.
- Parking spaces are also planned for the area near the new substation. These will replace the parking spaces that will be lost when the construction of the new facility begins. This is part of a phased approach to relieve parking issues on the KEMH site.



LEGEND

- (A) Main Building
- (B) Ministry of Health
- (C) Continuing Care Unit
- (D) Point Finger House
- (E) Springfield
- (F) Queen Elizabeth II Nurses' Residence
- (G) Central Utility Plant
- (H) Montrose
- (I) Agape House
- (J) Gladwyn
- (K) Beresford Swan Dialysis Unit
- (L) Harbour Vista
- (M) Electrical Substation
- (N) Pumping Station
- (O) Chemical Store
- (P) Chilled Water Station A
- (Q) Chilled Water Station B
- (R) Facilities Store
- (S) Ambulance Covered Parking
- (T) 11 Point Finger Rd
- (U) 13 Point Finger Rd
- Site Boundary
- █ Electrical Substation
- Outline of Building to be Demolished
- █ Redevelopment Zone - work begins spring 2010
- █ Redevelopment Zone - work begins winter 2010

- BHB has purchased lands adjacent to Gladwyn House (J) on Point Finger Road at map reference (T) and (U). The Board decided that the purchase of 0.7 acres adjacent to the area earmarked for construction of the new facility represented a rare and timely opportunity to expand the KEMH site. These additional lands will allow BHB scope for more flexible use of our site during the new facility's construction and operational phases, and also allow BHB to honour our commitment to maintain an access to the Botanical Gardens from Point Finger Road.

BHB is eager to undertake these projects in order to support world class healthcare services for the people of Bermuda.

Funding the Project.

What are BHB's financial obligations for the KEMH Redevelopment Project?

The cost to upgrade the existing KEMH will be borne by BHB itself. The construction cost of the new facility will be borne by BHB's private partner. BHB will only begin repaying the private partner after construction of the new facility has been completed in accordance with BHB's specifications, in 2014. After the building is complete, BHB will pay the private partner back over 30 years. The payments include the cost of financing, construction and construction management as well as the cost of maintaining the new facility. The payments for the thirty years are set at the point the contract is agreed, prior to construction.

How will BHB fund the KEMH Redevelopment Project?

BHB has implemented a plan to ensure we can meet the payments to our private partner. BHB is funding payments for the new facility through government-approved fee increases, internal operational savings and a contribution from the Bermuda Hospitals Charitable Trust (BHB's independent fund-raising arm).

Watch our progress. Please visit our website at www.bermudahospitals.com and click on the KEMH Redevelopment Project button on the homepage.

