

Parking lot takes shape

Revitalising KEMH

Improvements continue in the existing KEMH building. Here's what's happening now:

- On the fourth floor, Perry Ward's patient room and nurses' station upgrades are complete.
- New signs to help people find the departments and services they need have been installed.
- A major refurbishment of the Queen Elizabeth II Nurses' Residence will begin in the next several months. While this renovation takes place, our nurses in residence will temporarily move offsite. The refurbishment will provide more inviting and efficient living quarters for nurses. Nurses make up the largest body of professionals in Bermuda and BHB recruits globally to attract competent carers. Providing attractive living quarters on the KEMH site is a Board priority.

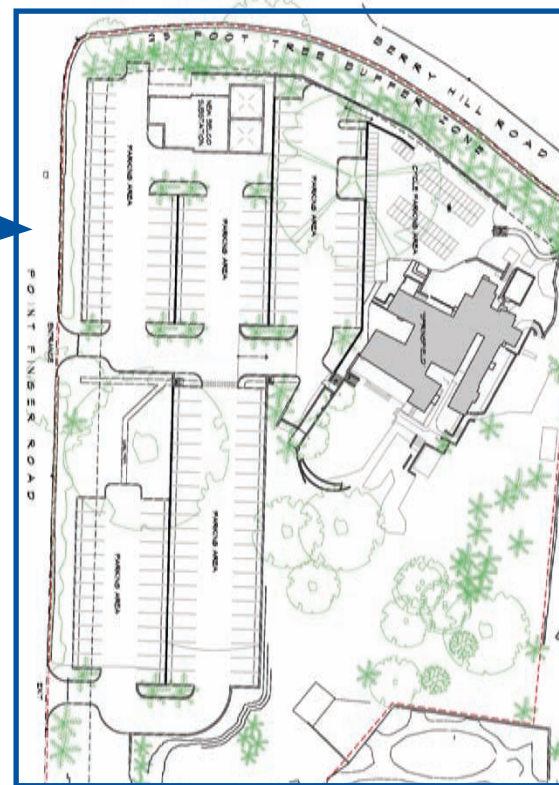
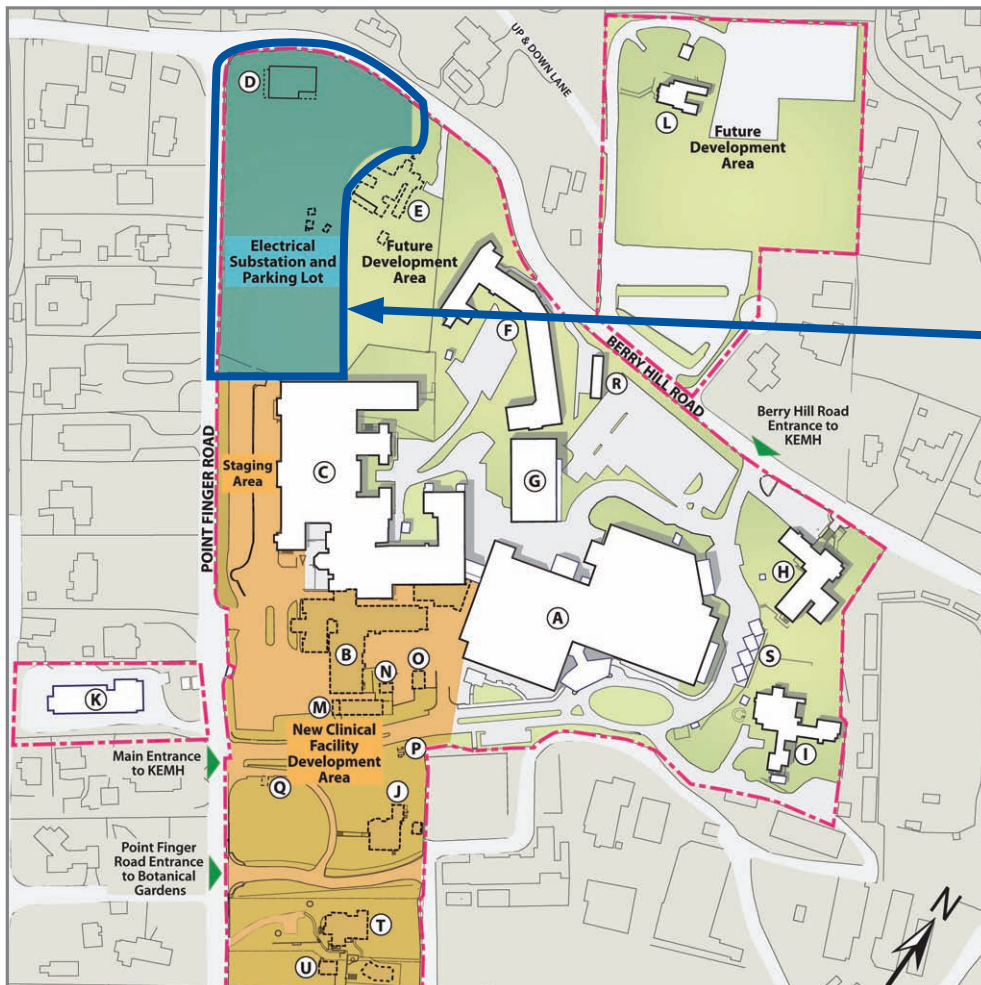


New Building on the KEMH Site

The procurement process that will lead to a contract between BHB and a private partner continues to progress on schedule. The three competing bid teams continue to develop their designs and proposals.

Enabling work on the Springfield site at KEMH is underway, and includes construction of a parking lot and electrical substation. This work is expected to be completed in autumn 2010. This means that BHB is building—in advance—a parking lot and substation to replace the ones that are currently in use but sit in the new building's construction zone, and will therefore be demolished when construction begins at the turn of this year (see yellow area of site map).

- Parking spaces are under construction on the Springfield site at the corner of Berry Hill Road and Point Finger Road. There will be approximately 130 car spaces and 80 cycle spaces. This is part of a phased approach to relieve parking issues on the KEMH site.
- A new electrical sub-station, which will serve KEMH and neighbouring residential and commercial properties, is under construction (see the blue area of the site map). The single storey building will also supply electricity to the new hospital building, once it is completed.
- BHB has worked closely with Conservation Services to identify and preserve a number of mature, healthy endemic and native trees in the interior of the site. In some cases, the parking lot was designed around these mature trees. Others are being transplanted into a 25-foot buffer of trees along Berry Hill Road, along with other native and endemic species. The end result will be a healthier, sustainable plant buffer that will help obscure the parking lot from view.



Parking Plan magnification from redevelopment zone site map

When will we see the new building's design?

The design of Bermuda's new acute care building is the responsibility of the three shortlisted bidders. A final design will be selected and available for public viewing when a preferred bidder is chosen in the autumn of this year.

How big will the new building be?

The new building must contain certain clinical services that are in the best interest of patient care and clinical quality. BHB has specified the sizes and functions of those clinical areas in the Request for Proposal, but not the design. While the new building will be substantial, all three competing bid teams must adhere to the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital (Special Planning Provision) legislation of 2009, as amended in 2010, which governs landscaping, design and external appearance, maximum height and traffic circulation, among others.

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