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RVH celebrates the official opening of its new professional building

Exactly a year after it was first announced, Renfrew Victoria Hospital's new professional building for physicians and other health services was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting on Thursday evening (June 21).

"This is a proud day for our hospital and our community," commented RVH Board Chair Kent Tubman. "I am confident that this strategic decision will prove to be a good long-term investment in health care in Renfrew."

The building is seen as the key to future physician recruitment, offering state-of-the-art technology and a turn-key operation for any doctors who choose to locate in Renfrew. It already houses five family doctors who have established the community's first group practice there.

Drs. Steven Radke, Allison Clarke, Andrea DiPaolo, Noreen Wang and Stephanie Langlois are now located in the new building at 510 Raglan Street North, on the RVH campus. Members of the group practice were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and to conduct tours of their new offices.

"We're very pleased with the design of the building and the way it's all come together," commented Dr. Langlois, who is president of medical staff at the hospital.

Other tenants in the building include Ottawa Valley Physiotherapy and the Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Assessment Referral Service.

RVH CEO Randy Penney publicly thanked the hospital board for its support, vision and trust in championing the \$2-million construction project.

"The investments we've made here will reap enormous rewards for patients now and in the years to come," he said.

Penney also acknowledged hospital staff, including Vice-President of Financial Services Paul Chatelain who acted as project manager, Director of Information Management Peter Payton and Maintenance Supervisor Bob McParland, who all played significant roles working with Architect Brian Dickey, the main contractor Laurin Construction, and the many subcontractors involved in the construction project over the past year.

"On time and on budget – what more can you ask for?," Penney concluded.

The two-storey building is completely accessible, energy-efficient, bright and spacious. The physicians' waiting area features a wall of windows overlooking the adjacent ravine.

Each of the doctors' offices includes two examination rooms and an office designed to support fully integrated computer technology. The group practice also features a nurses' office and ample reception space.

"It's a very comfortable and welcoming space," Penney notes. "We certainly hope that all of the offices will be filled in the near future, as this becomes a new hub of activity and services in our RVH health village."

The 7,800-square-foot building can accommodate four more physicians.

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