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TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS CONNECTS WITH OVER 13,000 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT TELE-TOWN HALL

(Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners (THP) continued its ongoing dialogue with the community at a tele-town hall last night. THP President and CEO Michelle DiEmanuele, joined by senior leaders of the hospital and Mississauga Halton LHIN CEO Bill MacLeod, updated the community on the hospital's activities and took questions from callers.

"It was a really engaging discussion. We had many questions coming in over the phone from members of our community who clearly care deeply about the future of our hospital and health care in our community," said DiEmanuele. "As we move ahead with our plan for the future, having our community behind us and continuing this conversation will be crucial."

The discussion focused on some of the unprecedented pressure and challenges THP is facing and its plan to meet these challenges both inside and outside the hospital. Serving a community that is growing and aging, THP is caring for approximately 272,000 patients annually in its Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centre, more than any hospital in Ontario. THP has seen an increasing number of patients admitted to hospital and waiting in surge spaces and hallways until an appropriate bed becomes available.

"There is an unprecedented need for service both inside and outside the hospital. We are creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community, which means working both inside and outside our hospital to create a complete system of care," DiEmanuele added.

This spring, THP will begin construction at Credit Valley Hospital to improve surgical, emergent and critical care services. To address capacity challenges in the medium and long term, DiEmanuele explained that the hospital requires 955 new beds across all three hospital sites. The hospital has asked the Ontario government for approximately \$5 million in a planning grant to advance their long-term capital Master Plan. The Plan also includes a new Urgent Care Centre as part of a community health hub in northwest Mississauga, as well as investment in community care, such as long-term care and home care.

"Community consultation is essential and this tele-town hall is one of a number of ways that we want to continue to hear our community's concerns and ideas as we collectively work to deliver a new kind of health care for a healthier community," said DiEmanuele.

To join the conversation, visit Partnering for Patients www.partneringforpatients.ca.

About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a research and teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. To learn more, visit: www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca

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