

Ontario Building Better, More Modern Health Care Facilities

Ontario Investing Over \$4.2 Million in Health Care Infrastructure Upgrades and Repairs for Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga and Etobicoke

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MISSISSAUGA - The Ontario government is investing \$4,211,561.00 this year to support critical upgrades and repairs at hospitals operated by Trillium Health partners. This funding is part of the government's investment of over \$182 million provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to 131 hospitals and 65 community health service providers across the province.

"This investment by the Government of Ontario will allow THP to continue to make critical upgrades and repairs across our hospital sites, including modernization and replacement projects at our Credit Valley Hospital and Queensway Health Centre sites," said Karli Farrow, President and CEO of Trillium Health Partners. "I want to thank the government and our local MPPs for working in partnership with THP, and for their continued support as we work together to deliver the high-quality care this community deserves."

"With these new investments in Mississauga's public healthcare infrastructure, our government is fulfilling its commitments to building Ontario and supporting the people of Mississauga," said Sheref Sabawy, MPP for Mississauga—Erin Mills. "We are looking forward to continuing to work with Trillium Health Partners to expand access to healthcare."

Investments at Trillium Health Partners will support projects across all three sites. Projects include a new air handling unit to improve air quality for patients, roofing replacements and modernizing elevators to maintain the facilities. This will help ensure that patients can continue to access the care they need in a safe and comfortable environment.

Natalia Kusendova, MPP for Mississauga—Centre, said, "As a nurse, I am thrilled to see the government investing into vital health care infrastructure, ensuring that patients and their families have access to high-quality medical care they require in a secure setting. For patients to heal and be cared for, a nurturing physical environment must be created. Building up the infrastructure for health care is one of the main goals that we are achieving."

"It's important for our government to support the growing demands on our healthcare system," said Nina Tangri, MPP for Mississauga—Streetsville. "Announcing this additional investment supports building capacity that helps us to continue with world class care and provide funding to address urgent needs for infrastructure renewal."

"These investments will help our local health system partners address critical infrastructure renewal needs, including replacements and upgrades of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms, and back-up generators," said Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP for Mississauga—Lakeshore. "By keeping local hospital facilities in a good state of repair, we're ensuring that patients will continue to have access to high-quality care."

Ontario is providing \$175 million to hospitals through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and over \$7.6 million to community health service providers through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund. This funding from the province allows its health care system partners to address urgent infrastructure renewal needs such as upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

"Our government is making investments to ensure Ontario's hospitals and community health infrastructure continue to be state-of-the-art facilities," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This funding will also help build the capacity we need to end hallway health care and ensure people continue to receive world-class care."

"It is crucial for infrastructure to remain up-to-date and modern. The Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) will ensure that our hospitals can uphold the world-class standards and services we have come to appreciate," noted Kaleed Rasheed, MPP for Mississauga—East Cooksville.

Through the <u>2022 Ontario Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build</u>, and as part of its plan to build a stronger, more convenient and connected health care system, the government is implementing the most ambitious plan for hospital expansion in Ontario's history. This includes supporting more than 50 major hospital projects that would add 3,000 new beds over 10 years.

QUICK FACTS

- To further support the high-quality care provided by Ontario's hospitals, the government is
 providing an additional \$827 million to hospitals across the province, representing a four per
 cent increase from last year. This will ensure all publicly funded hospitals receive a minimum
 two per cent increase to their budgets to help them better meet patient needs while building
 a stronger health care system.
- To support growing demands on the health care system, Ontario's investments over the next 10 years will lead to \$40 billion in health infrastructure across the province. These investments will increase capacity in hospitals, build new health care facilities and renew existing hospitals and community health centres.
- Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs to patients across the province, including primary care, community mental health and addictions services, allied health care such as physical therapy and respiratory therapy, and programs and services delivered by a public health unit.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Ontario Introduces a Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery
- 2022 Ontario Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build
- Improving Health Care in Ontario
- Hallway Health Care: A System Under Strain

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