

## Improving Access to Emergency Care in Eastern Ontario

*Ontario Expanding Emergency Department at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital*

### NEWS

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Ontario is helping build a 9,000 square foot addition to the emergency department at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital, which will reduce wait times and improve care for patients and families in eastern Ontario.

Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital today to make the announcement.

The new addition will improve access to emergency care services, accommodate higher-level diagnostic and therapeutic needs and help reduce wait times for residents of Carleton Place and surrounding communities so they can continue to experience high quality care. Specifically, the new and larger emergency department will:

- Accommodate peak and low volumes by using efficient fast-track zones
- Develop a triage area to improve patient privacy, the flow of patients through the unit, and access to care
- Enhance infection control standards
- Provide a large number of diagnostic, technological and therapeutic tasks, for example, lab tests to determine the presence of infection or disease
- Offer a secure operating room with authorized access.

Investing in Ontario hospitals is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

### QUOTES

“The new emergency department at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital will ensure that more patients are able to receive emergency health care services where they need them, when they need them. This project will result in expanded services that will provide better access for the residents of Carleton Place and the surrounding communities.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“We have worked closely with hospital representatives to plan the new, larger emergency room in Carleton Place. The project will have many benefits for patients, including more timely services in a more modern environment. Building strong, well-coordinated services in rural areas of Champlain is a key priority for the LHIN, and for the sustainability of our region’s health system. Redeveloping the emergency room in Carleton Place is an important part of that goal.”

— Chantale LeClerc, CEO, Champlain Local Health Integration Network

“We want to thank Minister Hoskins for coming to Carleton Place today to share this wonderful news for the patients and families that we serve every day. I also want to thank our staff, physicians and volunteers for your ongoing commitment to our patients. Together, we are excited to work with the ministry and the Champlain LHIN to make this dream a reality as soon as possible.”

— Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital

“This is a special day for our local hospital and the communities that we serve. I want to thank the minister and I also want to thank everyone in the community who has worked together to reach this important milestone. It is truly a team effort.”

— Marcel Pinon, Past Board Chair, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital

## QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing up to \$8.75 million to redevelop the emergency department at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital.
- The hospital will contribute the remaining \$1.24 million, for a total cost estimated at \$9.99 million for the new emergency department.
- Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital has been serving the residents of Carleton Place, Beckwith and surrounding communities for more than 60 years.
- Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital received \$181,000 of Health Infrastructure Renewal Funding in 2015-16.

## LEARN MORE

- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Building Together](#), Ontario's long-term infrastructure plan

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