

Media Release

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North Wellington Health Care to receive \$1M and Groves Hospital to receive \$337,000 from province for repairs and upgrades

North Wellington Health Care will receive \$1 million and Groves Memorial Community Hospital will receive \$337,000 in funding from the province this year through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF).

Ontario is providing \$175 million in 2016–17 to hospitals across the province — an increase of \$50 million over last year’s funding — to keep them in a state of good repair so that patients can continue to receive high-quality care in a safe and healthy environment.

Across Ontario, 135 hospitals will receive HIRF funding to support crucial infrastructure projects to extend the useful life or improve the quality of their facilities. In Waterloo Wellington, area hospitals received almost \$9M from the province’s HIRF fund for projects that include upgrades or replacements to roofs, windows, HVAC systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

Ontario also plans to invest \$12 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure. About 35 major hospital projects are now underway across the province. Ontario is also increasing province wide funding to hospitals this year by more than \$345 million. This is part of a total investment of \$51.8 billion in health care — a 2 per cent increase over last year.

Increased investment in health care is part of the government’s plan to build a better Ontario through its Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care. This plan provides patients with faster access to the right care, better home and community care, the information they need to live healthy and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

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“With this new and important funding, we are working to ensure that we are building a health care system that delivers faster access today and a sustainable system that will be there for Ontario patients in the future. Making these necessary investments is part of our commitment to

put patients first by ensuring that they get the high-quality health care they need — when they need it.”

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

“The Health Infrastructure Renewal Funding is a vital component of health care funding that will help to ensure that the buildings that house health services are updated and maintained to match the exceptional care that is provided within.”

- Toni Lemon, Interim CEO, WWLHIN

“We are very grateful to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for this funding, as it will assist us to ensure provincial health and safety standards continue to be met at Groves Memorial, Louise Marshall and Palmerston and District Hospitals. While we continue to prepare for a new Groves Hospital and Louise Marshall Hospital ER/Ambulatory Care expansion, the buildings require necessary updates. The HIRF funding will help us to finance more energy efficient mechanical systems, building repairs, and security enhancements, in order to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment to serve our patients.”

- Stephen Street, President and CEO, Groves Memorial Community Hospital and North Wellington Health Care

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