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### Northumberland-Quinte West Hospitals to Get \$4,124,189 Boost from 2017 Provincial Budget

*Ontario to Increase Hospital Funding in Northumberland-Quinte West to Reduce Wait Times and Expand Services*

Ontario will invest an additional \$839,394 in Northumberland Hills Hospital, \$279,300 in Campbellford Memorial Hospital and \$3,005,495 in Quinte Health Care to provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures, and improve the experience of patients.

This investment in Northumberland-Quinte West hospitals is part of a 3.1 per cent increase in hospital funding proposed in the 2017 Budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario, and would:

- Provide more access to cardiac services, critical care, organ/tissue donations and transplants, rare disease care, and bariatric services, as well as support for new and redeveloped hospitals
- Improve access and reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs)
- Support service delivery by hospitals in high-growth communities, as well as small, medium, northern and rural hospitals, and mental health and stand-alone paediatric hospitals.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

#### QUOTES

“By increasing our investment to each and every publicly funded hospital in Ontario, patients will be able to connect with specialists faster, have reduced wait times and better access to the procedures they need close to home.”

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

“I meet regularly with the CEO’s of our three hospitals and have been listening to their concerns. This investment will help to ensure we are reducing wait times and delivering these essential services, when and where they’re needed, right here close to home.”

— Lou Rinaldi, M.P.P., Northumberland-Quinte West

“We are very pleased that the Ontario government is moving ahead with increased investments in both of our community hospitals,” stated County Warden Mark Walas. “This will help to reinforce the stability of healthcare delivery locally, supporting increased service levels and improved patient outcomes. This is wonderful news for Northumberland County.”

— Mark Walas, Warden, County of Northumberland

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"This is a fantastic investment by the Province of Ontario. Improvements to healthcare in our community are much appreciated by all residents of Quinte West."

— Jim Harrison, Mayor, City of Quinte West

"Today's hospital funding announcement supports the ongoing delivery of vital acute care services in the Northumberland County sub-region, as we continue to create an integrated service delivery network that includes primary care providers, inter-professional health care teams, hospitals, public health, mental health and addictions and home and community care to ensure a more seamless patient focused experience that is aligned with local needs."

— Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

"This funding will ensure hospitals across our region can continue to provide high quality and accessible care for patients and their families in the south east and beyond."

— Paul Huras, Chief Executive Officer, South East LHIN

"Today's announcement is very good news. The Province's investment in hospitals will bring much-needed relief to the pressures we are facing from increased patient needs and inflationary costs. We look forward to continued collaboration with our LHIN and our Ministry to fully resolve the challenges of medium-sized community hospitals such as NHH to sustain our services in the years ahead."

— Linda Davis, President & CEO, Northumberland Hills Hospital

"Campbellford Memorial Hospital is grateful for this funding as we continue to build upon our existing strengths and focus on being a recognized leader in rural health care, creating a healthy community through service excellence, effective partnerships, and the development of innovative hospital services. Our intent is to continue to offer services and procedures, providing access to care closer to home to a growing population of older adults with increasingly complex health care needs."

— Brad Hilker, President & CEO, Campbellford Memorial Hospital

"We hope, as do all the hospitals in Ontario, that we are going into a more stable environment. Additional funding to our current operating plan will help us stabilize and improve our services and work with our community partners to help ensure that the services will be there when patients need them."

— Doug McGregor, Chair, Quinte Health Care Board of Directors

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- Each of Ontario's 141 public hospitals will receive a minimum 2 per cent increase to its base funding in 2017–18.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased more than 58 per cent, from \$11.3 billion in 2003-04 to \$18 billion in 2017-18.
- Ontario's health care budget will total \$53.8 billion in 2017–18 — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- Ontario also plans to invest an additional [\\$9 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure](#). About 34 hospital projects are now underway across the province.

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