

Ontario Investing in Palliative Care in Peterborough

Province Will Increase Funding for New Palliative Care Hub

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Today Ontario announced that it will increase annual funding to Hospice Peterborough to \$1.05 million when the community's new hospice palliative care hub, which includes 10 new beds, is complete.

Construction will soon begin on a new state-of-the-art facility and programming centre. The new Hospice Peterborough Care Centre will open in early 2018 and will feature:

- Accessible access to the building for those with mobility issues
- Community space, including three areas where families can gather
- Green space views from all 10 bedroom suites
- Five separate green spaces including a serenity garden, private garden, sun deck, Victorian Garden and Walking Garden.

In the 2016 Budget, Ontario invested an additional \$75 million over three years to provide patients with more options and access to community-based palliative and end-of-life care. This includes a \$13.9 million increase in funding for existing hospice beds across the province.

The increased funding for existing hospice beds will help ensure that the high-quality palliative and end-of-life care provided by hospices remains in the community for future generations. This investment will enhance compassionate end-of-life support that relieves suffering and improves the quality of living and dying.

Investing in palliative care is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care, which 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. It is also part of Ontario's [Patients First: Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#), which is the government's plan to improve and expand home and community care over the next three years.

QUOTES

"Hospices provide Ontarians and their families with high quality compassionate palliative and end-of-life-care. This new funding will help to strengthen the critical role that Hospice Peterborough has played within the community, and is an important part of our commitment to improve palliative and end-of-life care across the province."

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

"Hospices are special places that provide compassionate care to patients and families at a challenging time in their lives. They are a critical part of Ontario's plan to ensure access to high quality palliative and end-of-life care. "

— John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"The provision of hospice services is an integral part of our health care system. I want to thank Hospice Peterborough for all the programs they provide to both individuals and families during very difficult times. As MPP for Peterborough I am pleased to be part of the next phase of development for Hospice Peterborough."

— Jeff Leal, MPP, Peterborough

“The creation of Hospice Hubs is one of the five priority recommendations approved by the Board of the Central East LHIN as it implements the LHIN’s Integrated Health Service Plan. Together, the LHIN and its health service providers are continuing to support palliative patients to die in settings other than hospitals if that is the patient’s choice. Today’s announcement supports the LHIN’s Palliative Care goal and supports Hospice Peterborough, as a Hospice Hub and Centre of Excellence in hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement services, to provide end-of-life services to local residents when death is imminent and a home death is not possible.”

— Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

“Hospice Peterborough is grateful for the increased funding announced today by the Government of Ontario to support our hospice care beds. This funding will help Hospice Peterborough provide family centred hospice palliative care services that promote quality of life, wholeness, respect for personal choice, and living with dignity.”

— Linda Sunderland, Executive Director, Hospice Peterborough

QUICK FACTS

- The province will provide \$105,000 per bed in operating to Hospice Peterborough once construction is complete.
- As part of the 2016 Budget, Ontario announced an additional investment of \$75 million in hospice and palliative care over the next three years. This additional spending will be on top of the \$80 million already invested in hospice and palliative care, bringing the total investment to \$155 million from April 2016 to April 2019.
- Ontario is providing funding increases for facilities that provide hospice care across the province and is committed to supporting up to 20 additional hospices.
- Ontario recently released the [Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report](#), which compiled feedback from province-wide consultations led by John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. The report will help Ontario develop a comprehensive strategy on palliative and end-of-life care, which will focus on supporting families and caregivers, and ensuring access to co-ordinated quality care where patients want it.
- Ontario recently launched the Ontario Palliative Care Network, a partnership among Cancer Care Ontario, Ontario’s Local Health Integration Networks, Health Quality Ontario and other partners, including members from diverse care settings and caregivers, clinical representatives and associations.

LEARN MORE

- [Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Ontario’s Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#)
- [Hospice Palliative Care Ontario](#)
- [Hospice Peterborough](#)

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