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Ontario Supporting Compassionate End-Of-Life Care in Peterborough Riding

New Investment in Hospice Peterborough Will Increase Palliative Care for Families Closer to Home

NEWS

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Ontario is partnering with Hospice Peterborough to build more hospice beds, which will provide patients and families in our community with compassionate palliative and end-of-life care closer to home.

Hospice Peterborough will receive up to \$2 million to help fund the costs of their 10 bed hospice care centre.

This investment is part of a new program to support the creation of new and expanded hospices across Ontario, which will support more than 2,000 additional people and their families each year.

Through this program, eligible hospices can apply for significant capital funding to supplement local fundraising efforts.

Residential hospices provide expert care in a home-like environment, giving families and friends the space and care they need to be with their loved ones at one of the most vulnerable times in their lives.

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

“It has always been my goal that the Province of Ontario would be a full partner in developing a new hospice in Peterborough. Today’s announcement of capital funding honour’s that commitment.”

- Hon Jeff Leal, MPP

“At some point in our lives, we will all be touched by life-threatening illness, death or bereavement. This Ministry of Health funding ensures that our Hospice Peterborough Care Centre will be there to help you, your family or friends through those difficult times.”

Betty Morris, Every Moment Matters Campaign chair

“This new Ministry of Health capital support will help Hospice Peterborough build a state-of-the-art, 10-bed care facility and programming centre that will offer a homelike, safe refuge throughout the journey of illness, death and grief. The centre will fill a gap in care by enhancing hospice palliative services in our community, creating a truly rich community asset for people at the end of life and for those living with or affected by serious illness and grief.” Brian Higgins, Hospice Peterborough Chair of the Board of Directors

Today’s announcement is very welcome news as we work collaboratively to ensure that new and expanded palliative and end-of-life services are available to local residents. The Central East LHIN looks forward to continuing to support Hospice Peterborough as we take another step on the journey to build a hospice care centre in Peterborough.

— Louis O’Brien, Board Chair, Central East LHIN



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QUICK FACTS

- The province is delivering on its 2016-17 commitment to support up to 20 new hospices across Ontario within three years by funding construction and renovation costs for hospices.
- Ontario is providing capital funding of up to \$200,000 to build each new eligible hospice bed and also contributing \$105,000 per bed for operating costs in hospices across the province.
- In 2016, the province announced an additional \$75 million for hospice and palliative care over three years, which is on top of the \$80 million already announced for hospice and palliative care, bringing the total to \$155 million.

LEARN MORE

- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Ontario's Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#)
- [Ontario Palliative Care Network](#)
- [Hospice Palliative Care Ontario](#)
- [Hospice Peterborough](#)

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