

## **Bringing High-Quality Health Care Closer to Home in Milton**

*New Hospital Expansion Will Boost Services and Lower Wait Times in Halton Region*

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Ontario is helping people in Halton Region get the health care they need faster with a new three-storey patient care building that more than doubles the number of inpatient beds at Milton District Hospital (MDH).

Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Milton to celebrate the opening of the expansion. The new centre will offer a full range of clinical services for this rapidly growing community, including new emergency, surgery and inpatient beds, as well as more capacity for critical care, maternal-newborn care and diagnostic imaging. The expansion of MDH will lower wait times and provide better access to high-quality care, closer to home.

This expansion has added 330,000 square feet of new patient-centred space at MDH, one of three hospitals managed by Halton Healthcare Services. Patients will benefit from:

- As many as 66 new inpatient beds, with more private rooms to protect patients from infection and provide privacy
- Improved diagnostic services with the addition of a hospital-funded magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine
- A special-care nursery with capacity for eight bassinets, which will offer extra care and closer monitoring for babies in the maternal newborn unit and allow for the delivery of babies born up to six weeks early, including twins.

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**

" There is no greater comfort than knowing that you and your loved ones can get the medical care you need, when you need it. It's especially reassuring to know you can access that care close to home. That is why our government has made it a top priority to invest in health care facilities such as the Milton District Hospital expansion — so that superior care is always within reach."

- Kathleen Wynne

Premier of Ontario

" The expansion of Milton District Hospital will meet the increased health care needs of this rapidly growing community with the addition of new technology, and with more than doubled hospital space and inpatient beds. The completion of the new patient care building will provide the people of Milton faster access to a variety of high-quality clinical services, closer to home."

- Dr. Eric Hoskins

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

" This is an important milestone for health care in Milton. It is much more than a celebration of bricks and mortar. This is about people in our community having access to high-quality, modern health care when they are sick and in need. The new and improved Milton District Hospital will serve Milton residents for generations to come."

- Indira Naidoo-Harris

MPP for Halton

" At 6 a.m. on Sunday, October 1, 2017, we will open the doors to our new Emergency Department and begin moving patients into Milton District Hospital's 330,000 sq. ft. expansion. This marks the completion of a journey that began more than a decade ago as we set out to expand a hospital that was challenged to meet the healthcare needs of our rapidly growing community. Thank you to the provincial government and the Town of Milton for supporting us on this journey and making an incredible investment in the health of our community."

- Denise Hardenne

President & CEO, Halton Healthcare Services

## **QUICK FACTS**

- The government provided a grant of up to \$485 million toward the total cost of the Milton District Hospital redevelopment.
- The Milton District Hospital's Emergency Department, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, provides care for more than 33,000 emergency visits annually.
- Ontario's health care budget in 2017–18 is \$53.8 billion — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year. The 2017–18 budget for Halton Healthcare Services Corporation (HHSC) is \$263.3 million.
- As part of the 2017 Budget, Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion to support the construction of new hospital projects across the province. This brings Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.
- Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to [Ontario.ca/BuildON](http://Ontario.ca/BuildON).

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

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