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Halton Healthcare Services Participates in Provincial Infrastructure Consultations ***Critical health infrastructure must be a priority in growing communities***

MILTON, (August 11, 2010) – Allan Halls, V.P. of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS), and Chief Operating Officer (COO), Milton District Hospital (MDH) presented today at the provincial government’s long-term public infrastructure consultations, held in Richmond Hill. Infrastructure is the backbone of the province, consisting of such things as schools, hospitals, transit, roads and bridges.

In the presentation to Minister Brad Duguid and other representatives from the Ministry of Energy & Infrastructure, HHS stressed the need for critical infrastructure like hospitals to be able to expand in areas of high population growth as a provincial priority.

“Milton is a prime example of a community that has grown so fast that its health infrastructure hasn’t been able to keep pace. Renewing and expanding the health infrastructure in areas like Milton must be considered a priority,” said Mr. Halls. “While healthcare may be about more than bricks and mortar, those working on the front lines of healthcare and those requiring health services absolutely need appropriate facilities to be in place.”

MDH was originally built to meet the needs of a town of 30,000. The growth of the Milton area has been encouraged by the Government of Ontario as part of the province’s *Places to Grow* strategy. Now with a population of 90,000 (that is projected to reach 168,000 by 2021), MDH is undersized and inadequate to meet the needs of its burgeoning community of young families and an ageing population.

“We are pleased the government has held these consultations to seek input from organizations all over the province about key trends, issues and priorities for infrastructure investment over the next 10 years,” added Mr. Halls. “We need to work together to make sure our health infrastructure remains current so that our health services can be delivered safely and effectively, and meet the needs of our population.”

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