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Town to engage Ministry in discussion about Georgetown Hospital expansion

The timeline related to a decision concerning municipal support of the CT Scanner and Diagnostic Imaging and Emergency Department Expansion project at Georgetown Hospital has been extended to allow for additional consultation with the Ministry of Health.

On January 24, 2011 Halton Hills Town Council agreed to defer a decision regarding municipal support for a capital project at Georgetown Hospital until further conversations could be held with the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care seeking Ministry funding.

“Mayor Bonnette has shown tremendous leadership and we really appreciate the efforts that he and the other members of Town Council are putting forth to secure funding for this project,” said John Oliver, President & CEO of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS). “We have advised the Mayor that we support Town Council deferring this decision until such time as they have had a dialogue with the Ministry and all their questions have been answered.”

HHS has requested financial support of approximately \$4.5 million to support the addition of a CT Scanner and the expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging Department at GH. The total project cost is estimated to be just over \$12 million. Hospital officials noted that the project could suffer a 7 – 8 year delay if HHS was to wait for Ministry approval of the project through the normal channels. A project which is funded through HHS and the community could be ready to proceed as early as the Spring of 2012.

Halton Healthcare Services oversees the operation of three community hospitals – Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Georgetown Hospital.

For more information on the proposed expansion plan for Georgetown Hospital please log onto www.haltonhealthcare.com

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