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A 'Flock of Cranes' arrive at New Oakville Hospital site

The New Oakville Hospital is reaching new heights as Hospital Infrastructure Partners (HIP) installs six soaring cranes that will be used to construct the new facility.

"A lot of work has gone into preparing the site for this milestone including locating all utilities servicing the site; digging storm water ponds; top soil stripping and earth grading. You may not be able to see it from street level, but the property is a full-fledged construction site now," said John Oliver, President & CEO at Halton Healthcare Services (HHS). "In the coming months this building will literally rise out of the ground before our eyes,"

The cranes, which vary in height from 116' to 261' are clearly visible for motorists driving along Dundas Street or north on Third Line. Over the next several weeks the cranes will be put into action and EllisDon will begin pouring the concrete foundation which will form the base of the new hospital.

"We have already, as a community, built a strong foundation for this hospital, beginning with a shared vision to create an innovative hospital environment with a focus on health and healing." continued Mr. Oliver. "We are now ready to turn that foundation, of collective will and community effort, into a new foundation of stone, concrete and steel. The facility is no longer just a concept we've been developing on paper, it now has a physical presence in our community – a very prominent one at that,"

"Achieving this milestone is great news for the Oakville community as the cranes are a visible sign that the construction of the New Oakville Hospital is creating hundreds of high-quality jobs and how close we are to witnessing the physical building taking shape," said Oakville MPP Kevin

Flynn. “They also demonstrate the provincial government’s commitment to ensure that Oakville residents get the state-of-the-art Hospital they deserve with access to the care they need.”

The New Oakville Hospital will replace Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH), which has served the community well for over 60 years, but can no longer accommodate expansion. The new state-of-the-art hospital is being built on a 50-acre site and, at approximately 1.5 million sq. ft., will be more than three times the size of the current OTMH. The new hospital will offer a full range of acute healthcare services to serve the needs of the rapidly growing Oakville community.

The New Oakville Hospital is scheduled to open in late Fall 2015. Once completed, it will be one of the largest community hospitals in Ontario.

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