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**HALTON HEALTHCARE RECEIVES \$2.4 MILLION IN
PROVINCIAL TRANSITIONAL FUNDING**
MONEY TO HELP FUND PLANNING FOR MOVE TO NEW HOSPITAL

OAKVILLE - Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has received \$2.4 million in one-time funding from the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (MH LHIN) to assist with the transition costs associated with preparing for the move to the New Oakville Hospital.

With a scheduled opening date of December 2015, HHS has been working very hard preparing the organization to transition to the new hospital – a practice called operational readiness. The goal of operational readiness is to ensure the organization can continue to deliver high quality, safe and effective care as staff, physicians and volunteers move into a new environment, with new processes, technology and equipment.

“The process of operational readiness is an essential part of hospital capital redevelopment projects,” said Denise Hardenne, HHS Executive Vice-President. “There is a tremendous amount of work ahead of us in order to prepare the entire organization for the transition to the new facility. We will be moving to a building three times the size of the current hospital that has a new modern design and advanced technologies. There are going to be a lot of changes to the way we work and how we provide care and we have to be ready for those changes.”

There are many elements involved in the operational readiness process. Teams from every program and service at the current Hospital have developed detailed workplans that clearly identify and map out everything that needs to be done before the move to the new facility. These plans include such things as equipment purchases; policy and procedure revisions; staff, physician and volunteer recruitment; training and orientation; and, coordination of move day activities.

“This work will ensure that on opening day all the necessary equipment, technology and supplies are in place and that staff know where everything is and how to use it – so they can focus on their patients and providing the same great care they did at the old hospital,” continued Ms. Hardenne.

The New Oakville Hospital project is one of the largest healthcare redevelopment projects in the Province. The transition to the new facility will impact service delivery of over 170,000 admissions and ambulatory visits, 60,000 Emergency visits, 13,000 surgeries and 2,300 births. More than 50

programs/departments will be impacted as each transforms current clinical and business processes and redesigns workflows to suit the new environment.

“This LHIN transition funding from the Wynne government will assist Halton Healthcare Services prepare the new hospital to serve Oakville on opening day,” said Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn. “The funding is on top of the \$2-billion investment the Province is delivering to build the hospital -- the largest investment by any government in our Town’s history.”

“We are very fortunate that the MH LHIN has recognized the importance of operational readiness planning as a unique component of capital redevelopment projects,” concluded John Oliver, HHS President & CEO. “In order for the New Oakville Hospital to be a great success we need to make sure everyone is trained and properly oriented to their new surroundings so that we are providing the same level of care on day one as we are on day 101. For that to happen, we absolutely must have the detailed plans in place.”

The New Oakville Hospital, currently under construction at Dundas Street and Third Line, will replace the existing Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. The new, state-of-the-art hospital will have capacity for 457 inpatient beds and offer a full range of acute health care services, including complex continuing care rehabilitation, renal dialysis, acute inpatient care, maternal child care and inpatient and outpatient adult, child and adolescent mental health services. At 1.6 million sq. ft., the facility will be more than three times the size of the current hospital.

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