



Halton Healthcare

# News Release

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## **LAND PURCHASE INCREASES SIZE OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY**

MILTON - Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) announced today the purchase of additional property that increases the land parcel for Milton District Hospital (MDH) to nearly 40-acres. The land is located immediately adjacent to the existing property.

Representatives from HHS are pleased with the acquisition as it positions the hospital very well for future development, beyond that which is already being planned.

"The current expansion project was not dependent upon the land purchase however the additional acreage will be of great assistance as we continue to develop our long-term plans for this site," said John Oliver, HHS President & CEO. "As we move into the project's next stages we can now incorporate this property into the plan. The additional acreage provides many opportunities for the hospital's future, including the development of enhanced internal roadways to improve traffic circulation on the site."

In 2011, HHS received approval to proceed with a much needed expansion at MDH. The project reached a major milestone in December 2012 with the submission of the Hospital's Functional Program to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The Functional Program is an essential planning document that outlines all the functions, operations, staffing, major equipment, room and space requirements for each department or service in order to describe the components of the expansion. HHS is currently working with the MOHLTC to finalize the scope of services that will be included in the expansion.

HHS continues to move forward in the planning process with the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project's Planning Design and Compliance (PDC) architects. This team will work closely with HHS to establish the specific guidelines and requirements that must be met for the design and construction of the approximately 320,000 sq. ft. of new space. The selection of this team is expected to occur shortly.

"The Town of Milton has been growing around us for many years and with the population now exceeding 100,000 this expansion is essential to ensuring we are able to meet the needs of our community," concluded Mr. Oliver. "Now, with nearly 40-acres to plan for, we are well positioned for the future."

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