

Halton Healthcare Services commended for innovative capital project management and stakeholder engagement processes *Ontario Hospital Association honours new inclusive HHS governance structure*

(Halton Hills/Milton/Oakville, ON) November 5, 2014 – Halton Healthcare Services was honoured by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) for excellence and leadership in capital project management.

The OHA’s Governance Centre of Excellence (GCE) presented Halton Healthcare Services with a *Certificate of Honorary Commendation* for the *Award in Leading Governance Excellence* at the HealthAchieve conference in Toronto on Monday.

Halton Healthcare Services was commended for its leadership on the New Oakville Hospital (NOH) capital project, one of the largest healthcare redevelopments in Ontario. The \$2.7 billion project, scheduled to open in December 2015, sets a new standard for inpatient care design in Canada, combining innovative architecture and the latest in technology to deliver high quality patient and family centered care efficiently.

“Halton Healthcare Services is honoured to be recognized by the OHA’s Governance Centre of Excellence for our innovation and leadership in capital project management and governance,” said Denise Hardenne, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services. “The success of the project has been driven by our Board’s initiative in engaging community stakeholders in the oversight and planning of the New Oakville Hospital, which is allowing us to deliver world class projects that have been embraced by the entire community.”

The HHS Board of Directors developed the innovative Capital Projects Governance Charter and established an inclusive Capital Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) to ensure stakeholders took an active role in the oversight process the NOH project. CPAC members represent all major stakeholders including municipal and community representatives.



On behalf of Halton Healthcare Services, Laurent Thibault, Board of Directors, and Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, accept the Certificate of Honorary Commendation for the Award in Leading Governance from Cathy Szabo, HIROC Board Chair at the OHA HealthAchieve conference on November 3.

“The Capital Planning Advisory Committee represents the entire community in the task of overseeing the construction of the new hospital,” said Judy Wilson, Chair, Board of Directors, Halton Healthcare Services. “The expertise and experience of these community leaders has been instrumental in our success in completing construction of this world class hospital on time and on budget. “

The new, inclusive HHS governance structure has resulted in several positive outcomes for the New Oakville Hospital, which will open in December 2015:

- The community is engaged and strongly supportive. The Town of Oakville will contribute \$130 million toward the local share of the hospital project and the Oakville Hospital Foundation is committed to raising \$60 million.
- HHS management has developed a strong partnership with the consortium building the project that has enabled HHS to minimize cost variations and have greater control over the design development process.
- The new, inclusive governance oversight process has attracted national attention to HHS as a leader in capital redevelopment project management. HHS has been invited to speak at several National Health Infrastructure Planning Summits to share lessons learned in project governance and delivery. Hospital executives from across the country seek advice from the HHS Redevelopment Office on effective health infrastructure planning and project delivery.

“We thank the OHA for this recognition, which belongs to the many individuals and organizations in the community whose support has helped to make it possible for Halton Healthcare to deliver redevelopment projects at our three hospitals that provide outstanding value for patients, community, stakeholders and partners,” concluded Hardenne.

About Halton Healthcare Services

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital (GH), Milton District Hospital (MDH) and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH). Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 300,000 residents in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. With an outstanding reputation as a workplace of choice and a good community partner, HHS hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. In 2013, HHS was Accredited with Exemplary Standing - the highest possible status granted by Accreditation Canada.

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