

## **CONTRACT AWARDED FOR MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT**

MILTON – Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) have awarded a fixed price contract to Plenary Health to design, build, finance and maintain the Milton District Hospital expansion project.

The contract value of the Milton District Hospital project is approximately \$512 million, which reflects the substantial completion payment and the monthly service payments before inflation adjustments.

This announcement signifies that all contractual steps have been completed and construction will begin immediately. Construction of the expansion is expected to be completed in spring 2017, followed by occupancy in the fall.

The Milton District Hospital expansion project is a significant economic opportunity for local suppliers and contractors. At the peak of construction, Plenary Health estimates that more than 500 workers will be on site daily.

The expansion will add 330,000 square feet of space to the existing 125,000-square-foot hospital. Designed to address the needs of all users, including seniors, children, individuals with visual or cognitive impairments and those using wheelchairs and other mobility aids, the project will focus on meeting the care needs of those living in Milton, the fastest-growing community in Canada.

Project highlights include:

- expansion of emergency and surgical services, medical/surgical inpatient units, critical care, maternal newborn and diagnostic imaging and support services
- overall capacity increase from 63 to 129 inpatient beds
- eighty per cent single-patient rooms for improved infection prevention and control and to provide increased patient privacy and a quieter healing environment
- addition of the hospital's first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine
- a Level 2A Special Care Nursery with capacity for eight bassinets in the Maternal Newborn Unit

The project will target the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED<sup>®</sup>) rating system, with a goal of achieving LEED<sup>®</sup> Silver certification. LEED<sup>®</sup> buildings focus on healthy indoor environments, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and efficient use of energy, water and other resources.

The Milton District Hospital expansion project underwent an open, fair and competitive procurement process and Plenary Health submitted the proposal that delivered the best value for Ontario taxpayers.

IO and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with HHS to redevelop Milton District Hospital, which will remain publicly owned, controlled and accountable.

Visit [www.infrastructureontario.ca](http://www.infrastructureontario.ca) and [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com) for more information.

**Quotes:**

***Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care***

“Today’s announcement is great news for Milton residents. Soon shovels will be in the ground to expand Milton District Hospital into a state-of-the-art facility that meets the diverse health-care needs of this fast-growing community. This investment is an example of our government's commitment to improving access to high quality care for Ontarians.”

***Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure***

“The news today that a contract has been signed with the preferred proponent, Plenary Health, means we are one step closer to realizing this long-awaited vision for a hospital that provides Milton residents with high-quality care in the right place at the right time. The expansion will improve health care for the community, while generating jobs and stimulating the province’s economy.”

***Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP for Halton***

“We look forward to breaking ground on the Milton District Hospital expansion project, and with the milestone reached today, groundbreaking is not far off. We are very pleased with the progress being made on this important project for Milton residents.”

***Denise Hardenne, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services***

“We are thrilled to have reached this milestone and look forward to our new partnership with Plenary Health as we begin this highly anticipated state-of-the-art expansion project. The delivery of high-quality programs and services in Milton will be greatly enhanced.”

**Background:**

IO is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario that works to deliver public benefits through partnerships with the private sector. IO delivers large, complex public infrastructure projects using a made-in-Ontario modern procurement and project management practice called Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP). IO also partners with the private sector to manage one of the largest real estate portfolios in Canada, provides municipalities and eligible public-sector clients with loans to renew public infrastructure, and leverages its private-sector expertise to advise the provincial public-sector clients on commercial transactions.

HHS is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals — Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 300,000 residents in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. 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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