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## **ONTARIO INVESTS IN BETTER ACCESS AT YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL**

### *McGuinty Government Funds Plan For Acute Care Redevelopment*

Ontario is investing \$3.7 million to support the planning for a proposed second stage renewal project of the acute care redevelopment underway at the York Central Hospital, MPP Reza Moridi announced today on behalf of Health and Long-Term Care Minister David Caplan.

The hospital's acute care redevelopment, currently under construction, was divided into two phases. The proposed second phase will complement the investments and capacity achieved in the first phase which includes a combination of new construction and renovations to the Emergency, Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Obstetrics and Acute Care programs as well as, diagnostic imaging, materials management, life safety and other infrastructure needs at York Central Hospital. Phase one is expected to be completed in the summer of 2009.

Our vision for Phase Two will be achieved by working with our community partners and neighbours towards the realization of a "Health-science Collaborative" which supports our new vision as advocates for holistic patient and family centered care and emphasizes the hospital's emerging role as an integrator in the provision of care along the continuum, encouraging patient learning, medical research and education and celebrating a learning and innovation culture.

"We are thrilled to provide funding in support of planning for the further redevelopment of York Central Hospital," said Reza Moridi, MPP Richmond Hill. "These projects will help lower wait times and improve access to quality family health care for all."

"Our government is committed to improving access to hospital services and providing quality patient care," said Health and Long-Term Care Minister David Caplan. "This investment will help the hospital meet the needs of a growing population in York Region."

"Our Phase Two planning objective is to develop a comprehensive master program and plan that will outline the long term regeneration strategy for our site, and the priorities for short term redevelopment. This will ensure that we not only continue to meet our community needs, but we reach beyond this by investing in a facility that demonstrates our commitment of "caring to make a difference"," says David Bannister, Chair, York Central Hospital Board of Trustees.

"There is a tremendous amount of excitement here at York Central Hospital as we grow closer to the completion of Phase One in the spring of 2009. We are pleased to see the recognition and support of the urgency to move forward with Phase Two so that we don't lose momentum and we continue to move forward with our vision to become the finest community hospital in Canada," says Bruce Harber, President and CEO of York Central Hospital.



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#### QUICK FACTS

- ♣ In addition to core hospital services York Central Hospital is a regional leader in dialysis services, stroke care, domestic abuse and sexual assault care, brain injury services, behaviour management services and pre-school autism services
- ♣ York Central Hospital officially opened its doors in November of 1963 with the Langstaff Acute Care Wing added in 1974, and the Centre of Continuing and Rehabilitation opened in 2000.
- ♣ Ontario will invest \$5 billion in modernizing and expanding health care facilities by 2010 to meet the needs of the province's growing and aging population.

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