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## **Media Release**

### **York Central Hospital Receives \$5.1 Million in New 2008 Funding**

Richmond Hill: Today at York Central Hospital Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman announced that hospitals across the province will be receiving new funding to help relieve pressures and support wait time strategies for priority services across the system. In total York Central Hospital will receive: \$3.6 million in Post Construction Operating costs and \$1.5 million in Wait Time Strategy funding.

“This is a very exciting day for us here at York Central Hospital. This \$5.1 million investment will make a very positive impact on our ability to ramp up services in preparation of the completion of Phase One of our major expansion and renovation project in 2009,” says Bruce Harber, President and CEO of York Central Hospital.

“The wait time dollars will be key to our ability to increase priority services thereby increasing access and reducing wait times for the people of our community,” adds Harber.

#### **Phase One of York Central Hospital’s Major Redevelopment:**

Scheduled for completion in Spring of 2009, Phase One of the major expansion and renovation project will:

- Triple the size of the Emergency and Diagnostic Imaging Departments
- Double the size of the Critical Care Unit
- Create a state-of-the-art Birthing Centre
- Provide Schedule One Mental Health Facilities including 6 new secured beds
- Add new Medical Staff Facilities and a 2,800 sq. ft. Auditorium
- Expand Fracture, Plastics and Ophthalmology Clinics
- Add capacity for 122 new Inpatient Beds
- Estimated cost of \$93.2 million
- Size 148,230 sq. ft.

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