

Credit Valley Hospital Says Thanks

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(Mississauga, ON) D. Wayne Fyffe, President and CEO of The Credit Valley Hospital says he is delighted with the most recent announcement of new funding from the Ministry of Health. The hospital is to receive \$3.1 million in interim funding for nursing.

“Investment in our nursing staff is essential as we struggle to cope with rapid population growth despite our limited physical capacity,” Fyffe says. Mississauga is now the sixth largest city in Canada (slightly more populated than Vancouver). The population immediately surrounding the Credit Valley Hospital has grown by 48% in the last five years and will grow by another 32% in the next five years!

Fyffe says the needs of the hospital’s patients are at a critical point. “CVH has only 200 acute care beds and no room to expand to accommodate more beds or patients. Sophisticated regional programs such as kidney dialysis and genetics, and planned regional programs for cancer and high risk maternal and child care serve a population in excess of one million people.” A planned expansion to accommodate the regional cancer centre and support other ambulatory programs will eventually help to alleviate some space issues. The hospital is anxiously awaiting Ministry of Health funding approval for that project.

In the meantime the hospital is doing its best to cope with the day to day care of the sick and injured. “We have highly trained professionals who are committed to doing their best for our patients,” Fyffe says. “Our patients and our caregivers are often frustrated because of overcrowded conditions which results in less than optimal service in high traffic areas such as emergency, oncology and dialysis.

“When we calculated the resources required just to keep up with growth and ongoing operational expenses, *the total new funding required is in excess of \$17 million*. The current interim nursing adjustment and other recent funding announcements add up to over \$4.5 million which is a great shot in the arm,” Fyffe says. “We appreciate this help and we look forward to further adjustments to respond to our unique growth issues at The Credit Valley Hospital.”

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