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ONTARIO INVESTS IN PHASE TWO OF CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL EXPANSION

Provincial Investment Will Reduce Waiting Times, Improve Treatment For Area Residents

MISSISSAUGA — Residents of the City of Mississauga and area will have better access to health care, thanks to a major provincial government investment in further expansion of Credit Valley Hospital.

Mississauga West MPP Bob Delaney made the announcement today on behalf of Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman and Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan.

“Expanding Credit Valley Hospital will give area residents better access to a full range of hospital services,” said Delaney. “This project is important to everyone in our community.”

The project will include both new construction and renovations. This will accommodate additional in-patient beds and related clinical services, including maternal and newborn care, regional pediatrics, mental health, rehabilitation and complex continuing care. The expansion will help to relieve congestion in the emergency department and meet the demand for additional in-patient beds. Construction work on the project is expected to begin in 2007, following a competitive bidding process.

“The McGuinty government is re-building Ontario’s public infrastructure, and this project is an essential part of our plan to modernize hospitals, reduce waiting times and upgrade medical equipment in the Mississauga area and throughout the province,” Caplan said. “Our infrastructure investments are helping us build a stronger, healthier and more prosperous province,” he added.

“This project will ensure people in the Mississauga area have access to the modern, effective health care they need and deserve,” said Smitherman.

“I’m delighted with the announcement to commence phase two, which will allow us to continue to improve and expand our facilities to meet the needs of our community,” said Norm Loberg, chairman of the Credit Valley Hospital’s board of governors. “On behalf of the board of governors and the community we serve, I would like to thank Mississauga West MPP Bob Delaney for his tireless efforts to help secure the government’s approvals to move forward with this project.”

“The fact that we have recently completed a major construction project on time and under budget underscores Credit Valley Hospital’s strong commitment to meeting the needs of our patients within the limited resources of our provincial government,” said Wayne Fyffe, the hospital’s president and CEO. “We look forward to working with our partners in this project to address the overcrowding problems in our maternal/child facilities and emergency department.”

The Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal has approved the Credit Valley Hospital as an alternative financing and procurement project. This means the construction work will be financed and carried out by the private sector, which will assume the financial risks if the project is not finished on time and on budget. Once the hospital is built, it will be publicly owned, controlled and accountable.

Under the province's *ReNew Ontario* infrastructure investment plan, the McGuinty government and its partners will invest \$5 billion over the next five years to improve health care facilities.

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