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CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS
Hospital celebrates construction milestone

TORONTO – Today, Harinder Takhar, Minister of Government Services and Mississauga-Erindale MPP, hospital officials and construction workers celebrated the ‘topping off’ of Credit Valley Hospital’s redevelopment project by taking part in the last concrete pour.

Topping off is a building site tradition that signifies when the highest point of the building has been reached.

“I’m very excited to see the progress we have made on The Credit Valley Hospital project,” said Minister Takhar. “This project is so important not only because it will ensure residents of our entire region will continue to enjoy access to state-of-the-art health care facilities and treatment, but also because it has created jobs and economic spin-off that benefits our community.”

“Reaching this stage of construction has been the result of the planning, hard work and support of everyone at Credit Valley Hospital and in the Mississauga community,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. “Our government’s continued investment in health care infrastructure means that Ontarians across this province can access the care they need when they need it, in the most up-to-date facilities.”

The expansion project will result in approximately 270,000 square feet of new construction and 70,000 square feet of renovations. It will provide enhanced hospital services including 79 additional beds (from 392 to 471) and double the number of labour and delivery rooms (from seven to 15) with additional room for growth.

Other improvements include expanding cancer treatment resources to include a new high-dose radiation therapy suite and additional surgical oncology, palliative and complex continuing care beds. Additionally, there will be more capacity for neonatal care, increased diagnostic services and support areas. An expanded laboratory, almost triple in size – increasing from approximately 15,000 square feet to 42,000 square feet - will provide more in-house support for diagnostics.

“I’m delighted that when completed, this project will increase access to vital health care services in this community and help reduce wait times,” said David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Construction, which is being led by Bondfield Construction, began in June 2008 and will be completed in spring 2011.

“Today is a significant milestone in our journey toward a larger, more modern hospital,” said hospital president and CEO Michelle DiEmanuele. “We continue to be grateful to our Foundation and community who, through donations for equipment, support our efforts to provide quality patient care.”

Credit Valley Hospital has begun to work with internal teams towards occupancy planning in preparation for program and service relocations in 2011.

Infrastructure Ontario will continue working with The Credit Valley Hospital to redevelop the hospital, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable. Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing some of the province's larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects – ensuring they are built on time and on budget.

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