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Ontario Investing in Upgrades and Repairs at Headwaters Health Care Centre

Dufferin-Caledon: MPP Sylvia Jones is pleased to announce that the Ontario government is investing \$175 million this year to address critical upgrades, repairs and maintenance in 129 hospitals across the province, including \$50 million for COVID-19 related and other urgent projects. Through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF), this funding will help hospitals maintain their infrastructure and ensure a safe and comfortable environment for patients to receive care.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is receiving \$1,115,182 that will be earmarked to upgrade patient restrooms, develop an updated fire safety plan and make much needed roof repairs.

"Maintaining hospital infrastructure is another example of how our government is ensuring that Ontarians have access to health care services they can depend on, especially during these unprecedented times," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Our ongoing investments to support essential projects like repairing roofs and windows and adding more isolation spaces can make a big difference to a patient's experience. It's part of our plan to build the capacity we need to end hallway health care in Ontario."

As the government continues to work toward bringing Ontario's world class health care system into the 21st century, this funding will help hospitals address urgent issues such as upgrades or replacement of roofs, windows, security systems, backup generators and fire alarms. Projects will also support the hospitals in their ongoing response to COVID-19, such as updating HVAC systems to enhance patient and staff safety, creating additional isolation space and negative air pressure flow rooms to increase capacity and enhancing infection prevention and control measures.

"The health and safety of patients and families is a priority for our government," said Jones. "That is why we are making the necessary investments in our hospitals. We need to ensure we have a facility ready to continue providing excellent quality care to patients."

"This investment will help us make the necessary improvements, so patients and families can continue to have access to reliable, quality care they expect and deserve," added Kim Delahunt, President & CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre. "Our staff also benefit from continuous improvements to our aging infrastructure."

QUICK FACTS

• Ontario is investing an additional \$7.4 million to address ongoing urgent and/or emergent infrastructure renewal needs for community health service providers who met specific criteria on a priority basis, through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Improving Health Care in Ontario
- Hallway Health Care: A System Under Strain
- Visit Ontario's <u>website</u> to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19

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