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Ontario Reducing Carbon Footprint, Boosting Care at Hospitals in Milton

Energy Savings to be Reinvested in Patient Care

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Ontario is investing \$951,559 in Halton hospitals to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gases and redirect savings into patient care across the province.

Today, Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP for Halton, was at Milton District Hospital, with Halton Healthcare President & CEO, Denise Hardenne, and Mississauga Halton LHIN Acting Board Chair, Mary Davies, to announce the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program. This program will help hospitals save energy and encourage the use of more renewable energy technologies. Halton Healthcare will be receiving \$951,559, with \$500,000 allocated to Milton District Hospital to replace/retrofit the air handling units (AHU) and other energy-efficiency projects.

This year, Ontario is investing \$64 million to fund 180 projects at 98 hospitals across the province including retrofits to HVAC units and lighting. As a result of these and other improvements, almost five megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent gases are expected to be eliminated from the environment by 2050, the equivalent to taking about 40,000 vehicles off our roads.

This program is an initiative of the Climate Change Action Plan and uses proceeds from Ontario's carbon market to modernize facilities such as hospitals, universities, and heritage buildings.

Improving patient care at hospitals across the province is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

"The Hospital Energy Efficiency Program is another example of the government's commitment to reducing the environmental impact of our health care system. These new investments will help ensure hospitals can focus on helping patients get timely access to appropriate, high-quality health care within a sustainable system."

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"Ontario's actions to help hospitals fight climate change and improve energy efficiency will reduce greenhouse gas pollution, increase patient comfort and redirect savings into patient care across the province. Our Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market are working together to help reduce

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greenhouse gas pollution and save energy costs while ensuring a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous low-carbon future for all Ontarians.”

— Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

“The funding being announced through the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program is great news for Halton. Modernization of infrastructure through this funding will help to ensure residents are receiving the high quality care they deserve. These important investments will allow facilities to provide patients with a safe, healthy environment. By supporting infrastructure projects today, we are helping hospitals meet the health care needs of Ontario communities in the long term.”

— Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP Halton

“This investment offers an exciting synergy between health care and the environment that will enable both Milton District Hospital and Georgetown Hospital to be more energy efficient. Savings that can be reinvested into direct patient care while reducing environmental impacts, create a healthier community and better outcomes for the residents of Milton, Georgetown and beyond.”

— Bill MacLeod, Mississauga Halton LHIN CEO

“The funding announced today will enable us to replace outdated mechanical and building equipment in the older sections of our Milton and Georgetown Hospitals resulting in significantly reduced energy usage and increased energy savings. We thank the provincial government for its continued investment in hospital infrastructure and commitment to climate sustainability.”

— Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing \$64 million this year in the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program.
- HEEP investments in other hospitals in the area include: \$451,559 for Georgetown and District Hospital.
- By 2020-21, it is estimated that we can generate over \$60 million in annual energy-related savings and sustain those savings on an annual basis for 20 years.
- The Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market form the backbone of Ontario's strategy to cut greenhouse gas pollution to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050. The government will report on the plan's implementation annually and review the plan at least every five years.
- Ontario's carbon market proceeds will be invested into projects that help families lower their energy costs and save money.

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