



Ontario's Government Investing in Urgent Hospital Upgrades and Repairs at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital

Uxbridge, ON — Today Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge, announced that Ontario's Government for the People is investing approximately \$1 million to improve services for patients at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital site of the Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH).

"Our government continues to invest in essential health care projects for the people of Durham Region," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Pickering-Uxbridge. "We're working to ensure that our province has high-quality medical facilities and services that our community can depend on now, and for years to come."

Ontario is investing \$175 million in repairs and upgrades for 128 hospitals this year through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, including the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, to address the following urgent repairs:

- Installation of a new water main system
- Renovation of the exterior bricks and mortar
- General electrical system upgrades
- Review and upgrade of the life safety system including (fire)

"We are grateful for the support of the provincial government through this funding program to address these urgent repair needs," said Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO of MSH. "Maintaining the current hospital – while we move forward with our planning and modernization of the site – is critical to our ability to provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and physicians who in turn deliver high quality care to our patients and the Uxbridge community."

Ontario's Government for the People is prioritizing the health and safety of patients by providing hospitals across the province with funding through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund to upgrade, repair and maintain their facilities.

"A hospital is at the centre of all vibrant communities providing vital healthcare services for its citizens. And this investment ensures that the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital can continue to provide much needed care for our community," says Dave Barton, Mayor of the Township of Uxbridge

The government is moving forward quickly to address challenges facing the health care system as it develops a long-term transformational health care strategy to end hallway health care. As this important work continues, this funding will allow hospitals to address urgent issues, including upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

This funding will help ensure hospitals across Ontario are able to make the needed upgrades, improvements and maintenance so patients and families have access to reliable, quality care they expect and deserve.

About Markham Stouffville Hospital Markham Stouffville Hospital:

Markham Stouffville Hospital is a leading community hospital with 329 beds. The hospital provides diagnostic and emergency services and delivers clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children's services. Our Markham and Uxbridge sites and the Reactivation Care Centre (RCC) provide high quality, patient-centred, care to over 412,000 patients each year. Partnering with other specialist providers, the hospital's 500 physicians, 23 midwives, over 2,300 staff and nearly 1,300 volunteers make it the centre of community care for the residents of the City of Markham, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Township of Uxbridge.

For more information: visit www.msh.on.ca.

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing \$175 million in repairs and upgrades to 128 hospitals this year through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, including \$1,060,000 for the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.
- In 2018-2019, the government has invested an additional \$90 million for 1,100 beds and spaces in hospitals and the community, including the creation of over 640 new beds and spaces.

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