

Improving Health Care For Families At Cambridge Memorial Hospital

McGuinty Government Providing Quality Services Closer To Home

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Ontario is supporting a major expansion and renovation at Cambridge Memorial Hospital that will give families better access to state-of-the-art health care, closer to home.

Planning is underway for a redevelopment project that will:

- Improve the facilities for surgical care, intensive care services, medical and surgical inpatients, and maternal and paediatric care areas;
- Allow the emergency department to accommodate an additional 10,000 visits, and provide emergency care for up to 56,500 patients every year;
- Redevelop the hospital's acute mental health unit to improve facilities and accommodate up to 25 beds;
- Increase capacity by adding 33 new medical/surgical beds, 5 new intensive care beds, 2 new maternal beds and 4 additional paediatric beds.

In addition, construction is set to begin in September on a project that will help the hospital renew its mechanical and electrical infrastructure and add capacity.

Investing in modern and efficient hospitals that support the needs of our aging and diversifying population is part of [Building Together](#), Ontario's long-term infrastructure plan. Ontario will continue to make significant investments in public infrastructure over the next decade to improve the quality of life for families.

QUOTES

"Cambridge Memorial Hospital is on the right track – providing better care for the people it serves. That's why I was pleased to approve this long-awaited expansion. I know how important this expansion is to the people of the Cambridge area. These new upgrades will mean faster and easier access to high quality health care services and modern facilities much closer to home."

- Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"I am thrilled to confirm our government's support for Cambridge Memorial Hospital's capital redevelopment project. This long-awaited, important expansion to the hospital will provide much needed services closer to home for residents in Cambridge and across Waterloo Region."

- John Milloy, MPP, Kitchener Centre

"Improving Ontario's world-class hospitals is a major priority for the McGuinty government. The expansion of Cambridge Memorial Hospital through our Building Together Infrastructure is a timely investment that will support our aging community and empower our medical professionals in providing high quality health care services for Waterloo Region."

- Leeanna Pendergast, MPP, Kitchener-Conestoga

QUICK FACTS

- [Cambridge Memorial Hospital](#) serves the residents of Waterloo Region and the Counties of Wellington, Brant and Oxford.
- In 2010/11, Cambridge Memorial Hospital received a new MRI.
- Since 2005, wait times for MRIs have dropped by 48 per cent (or 58 days) in the Waterloo Wellington LHIN.
- Ontario has invested in over 100 major hospital capital projects since 2003. This includes 18 brand new hospitals that are either completed or in development.

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Read more about the multi-year [Building Together](#) infrastructure plan.

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