



NEWS RELEASE

Etobicoke General Receives Support for Capital Redevelopment

June 10, 2010, Etobicoke, Ontario – William Osler Health System announced today that it has received support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to proceed with the initial phases of a capital redevelopment program for Etobicoke General Hospital (EGH).

The Ontario government will provide a capital planning grant of up to \$5 million towards the project, which proposes to include renovations to emergency and critical care services. The grant will fund the first two stages of the Ministry's planning process – the master plan/business case and functional program. Over the past months, Osler staff have been involved in the development of an overall master program/service outline that forms the basis of the master plan. With this announcement, work on the master plan, timelines and cost of Etobicoke's redevelopment will get underway.

"This support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recognizes the important role our Etobicoke site plays in the area, building on our legacy of providing community health care services over the past 35 years," said Matt Anderson, President & Chief Executive Officer, William Osler Health System. "The Board and senior leadership team at Osler want to express our appreciation to the Ministry for this support and look forward to proceeding with plans to make Etobicoke General an even greater service to the community for generations to come."

After delivering the news at Osler's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, Donna Cansfield, MPP for Etobicoke Centre said: "I am absolutely thrilled that we are moving forward with this project at EGH that will support the entire Etobicoke community."

Dr. Shafiq Qadri, MPP for Etobicoke North issued a statement Wednesday which included the following remarks: "Through this grant, the Ontario Government is reaffirming our belief in quality, locally-delivered health care. This \$5 million investment will allow the hospital to move forward with a proposal to continue to provide exceptional service to the Etobicoke area."

The redevelopment of Etobicoke General will continue to benefit from the involvement of the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). The LHIN plays an integral role in the development of the program/service vision and provides direction to the hospital through its integrated health service plan. Osler has established a strong working relationship with the LHIN and both parties are eager to move forward with this joint planning effort for the Etobicoke site.

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ABOUT WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM

William Osler Health System is home to Canada's premier community hospitals – Brampton Civic, Etobicoke General and Peel Memorial (under redevelopment) – and serves nearly one million residents of the communities of Brampton, Etobicoke, Malton, Caledon and surrounding areas. Our vision is *to design health systems that serve the global community... driven by diversity*. For more information, please visit www.williamoslerhs.ca.

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