

Repairs and Upgrades Coming to Scarborough and Rouge Hospital and Providence Healthcare this Year

Province Investing in Renewed Facilities to Deliver High-Quality Health Care

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Ontario is continuing to strengthen and support hospitals in Scarborough with repairs and upgrades to Scarborough and Rouge Hospital and Providence Healthcare this year, to provide patients with high-quality care in a safe and healthy environment.

Funding from the province allows hospitals to make critical improvements to their facilities, including upgrades or replacements to roofs, windows, heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

The 2017 balanced Budget includes a new \$7-billion booster shot to health care, building on the commitment made in the 2016 Budget. This investment will improve access to care, expand mental health and addiction services, and enhance the experience and recovery of patients.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare – protecting health care today and into the future.

QUOTES

“These repairs and upgrades are crucial to ensuring all patients get the help they need now and in the future. By upgrading our hospitals’ infrastructure, we are helping Ontarians get the best health care close to home.”

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

“As the local MPP, I am very pleased that the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital is receiving approximately five million dollars from the 2017-2018 Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) as announced by Minister Hoskins, the Minister for Health and Long-Term Care. The HIRF was established in 1999 and continues to support Scarborough and Rouge Hospital priority initiatives, such health and safety, building code compliance and maintaining assets in need of repair. This infrastructure renewal funding will ensure the hospital will continue to provide a safe and caring facility for patients, families and employees.”

-Soo Wong, MPP Scarborough- Agincourt

"These investments in Ontario's healthcare infrastructure are great news for the people of Scarborough Southwest, and they represent continued improvements to the way in which Ontarians access healthcare. Providence Healthcare provides exceptional service to people throughout the community, and this funding will help them to continue keeping patients healthy, comfortable, and cared for."

-Lorenzo Berardinetti, MPP Scarborough- Southwest

"I am very pleased that this significant additional investment in priority infrastructure projects at Scarborough and Rouge Hospitals, will enable them to continue to deliver high quality care to patients and their families in our community"

-Tracy MacCharles, MPP Pickering-Scarborough East

"The Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) exemplifies this Province's commitment to the good health and well-being of all Ontarians. This significant investment of almost \$5 million to hospital infrastructure will allow Scarborough and Rouge Hospital to prioritize improvements to its facilities and enhance the quality of health care services it provides to Scarborough-Guildwood residents. Better, safer health care is a priority for this government and it is great news for patients, their families and health care staff."

-Mitzie Hunter, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood

"On behalf of Ontario hospitals, I'd like to thank the Ontario government for recognizing the need for this vital investment. Given the continued capacity pressure facing hospitals as a result of a growing and aging population, ongoing investment in equipment upgrades and building repairs is needed to extend the life of all hospital facilities to maintain access to frontline services."

- Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

"These investments will allow our hospitals to continue to improve the quality and functionality of their facilities as they work with the Central East LHIN and other health service providers to care for patients in an integrated and co-ordinated system. This announcement ensures that Central East LHIN residents have access to acute care services that are delivered in an environment that enables the staff to deliver the best care possible."

- Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- § The province is investing \$175 million in repairs and upgrades to hospitals this year through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF).
- § HIRF investments in other hospitals in the area include: \$ 4,949,181 for Scarborough and Rouge Hospital; \$ 43,606 for Providence Healthcare
- § HIRF was established in 1999 to assist hospitals in renewing their facilities.
- § As part of the 2017 Budget, Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion to support the construction of new hospital projects across the province. This brings Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.
- § The government's investment of more than \$190 billion over the 13-year period starting in 2014–15 is the largest infrastructure investment in the province's history. It is helping to build new child care spaces, schools, hospitals, public transit, highways and roads.

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- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Building Together](#), Ontario's long-term infrastructure plan