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**Ontario Reducing Carbon Footprint, Boosting Care at  
Campbellford Memorial Hospitals**

*Energy Savings to be Reinvested in Patient Care*

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

Today, Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West, was at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH), to announce the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program. This program will help hospitals save energy and encourage the use of more renewable energy technologies. CMH is receiving funding for energy-efficiency projects, as follows:

**\$300,000 to replace of the carrier liquid**  
**\$300,000 for heat generating systems**

This year, Ontario is funding 180 projects at 98 hospitals across the province, including 117 heating, ventilation and air conditioning projects, 35 lighting projects and 28 projects that address other energy efficiency needs at hospitals. 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. By 2020-21, it is estimated that over \$60 million will be generated in annual energy-related savings.

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

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“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 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

"This combined \$600,000 in energy efficiency funding means more money in the longer term can be re-directed into patient care at Campbellford Memorial rather than to energy costs. Our government is committed to finding ways to help our hospitals be full partners in our lower cost energy strategies as well as finding ways to use those savings to boost services and programming within the hospital environment."

— Lou Rinaldi, MPP, Northumberland-Quinte West

“The Central East LHIN was pleased to work with Campbellford Memorial Hospital and to endorse projects that could be supported through the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program (HEEP). Not only will this investment allow Campbellford Memorial Hospital to improve the energy efficiency of its facility, but savings will be reinvested back into patient care so that local residents can continue to live healthier at home.”

— Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

“Campbellford Memorial Hospital is appreciative of receiving \$600,000 for two major infrastructure upgrades enabling the organization to improve our hospital facility. This is a significant investment which will result in improving patient safety and experience and quality of work-life for our staff. Furthermore, government incentive programs, like the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program (HEEP), help us to lower our electricity consumption and reduce costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

— Varouj Eskedjian, CEO, Campbellford Memorial Hospital

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- Ontario is investing \$64 million this year in the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program.
- As part of the [2017 Budget](#), Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion for new hospital projects, bringing the total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.
- Ontario is making the largest investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history – more than \$190 billion in public infrastructure over 13 years, starting in 2014-15. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to [Ontario.ca/BuildON](http://Ontario.ca/BuildON).
- 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.

#### **LEARN MORE**

- [Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- [Cap and Trade Program](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [2017 Ontario Budget](#)
- [Building Together, Ontario’s Long-Term Infrastructure Plan](#)

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