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**Repairs and Upgrades Coming to Three Hospitals in
Northumberland-Quinte West this Year**
Province Investing in Renewed Facilities to Deliver High-Quality Health Care

Ontario is continuing to strengthen and support hospitals in Northumberland-Quinte West with repairs and upgrades to three hospitals this year, to provide patients with high-quality care in a safe and healthy environment.

Today, Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West, was at Campbellford Memorial Hospital, which will receive \$169,814 this year to revitalize its facilities.

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

“These crucial investments in hospital infrastructure ensure patients are cared for in a safe and secure environment. Hospitals are the cornerstone of many of our communities so it's important that we make these crucial investments to upgrade our facilities to help provide the highest quality of care possible across this riding and the province.”

— Lou Rinaldi, M.P.P., Northumberland - Quinte West

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"The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Health Infrastructure Renewal Funding (HIRF), provided annually to Campbellford Memorial Hospital is critical for the hospital. The funding allows us to address high priority repairs to the hospital's buildings to ensure that we are able to provide the highest quality and safest care to patients."

— Varouj Efkedjian, Acting President and CEO – Campbellford Memorial Hospital

"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

"Across the South East LHIN, hospitals have been working hard to improve access to high quality care close to home. This funding will enable our hospitals to make required building repairs and equipment upgrades so that they can continue to meet the needs of patients and communities within our region, now and into the future."

— Chris Salt, Acting Board Chair, South East LHIN

"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

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: \$16,895 for Northumberland Hills Hospital and \$491,598 for Quinte Healthcare Corporation.
- 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