

# **Ontario Funding New Hospice in Scarborough**

## *Province Opening Ten New Beds with Over \$1 Million Annual Investment*

### **NEWS**

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Ontario is committing to invest over \$1 million annually in the new Scarborough Residential Hospice at the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care once construction of its new 10-bed hospice is complete. These ten new beds will serve approximately 117 more clients and their families each year in Scarborough.

The new Scarborough Residential hospice will be located at the Finch Avenue site of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care long-term care home. This innovative model of delivering palliative end-of-life care will increase access to culturally appropriate care for the Chinese population in Scarborough, and will also serve all residents of Scarborough.

This investment supports Ontario's commitment to strengthen access to palliative care across the province, including by expanding hospice care to include up to 20 new hospices across Ontario. This investment will enhance compassionate end-of-life support that relieves suffering and improves the quality of living and dying.

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**

"Hospices in Ontario do an excellent job of providing high quality and compassionate care in our communities. This new funding is an important part of our government's commitment to expand hospice palliative care across the province so that even more people can benefit from their supports."

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

"Facilities with hospice care are special places that provide compassionate care to patients and families at a challenging time in their lives. They are a critical part of Ontario's plan to ensure access to high quality hospice palliative care. "

— John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"For years I have championed for hospice beds in Scarborough to better serve and support the diverse community. The ten new beds at Yee Hong will ensure Scarborough residents will receive accessible, quality, and compassionate end- of -life care. I am very pleased to see the government's investment in all stages of one's life, including end-of-life care. These ten new beds will enhance current delivery for end- of- life support and improve quality of life, living, and dying."

— Soo Wong, Member of Provincial Parliament, Scarborough-Agincourt

"Together, the LHIN and its health service providers are continuing to support palliative patients to die in settings other than hospitals if that is the patient's choice. Today's announcement is very welcome news as we work in partnership with Yee Hong to ensure that new and expanded palliative and end-of-life services are available to the residents of Scarborough."

— Louis O'Brien, Board Chair, Central East LHIN

### **QUICK FACTS**

- As part of the 2016 Budget, Ontario announced an additional investment of \$75 million in hospice and palliative care over the next three years. This additional spending will be on top of

the \$80 million already invested in hospice and palliative care, bringing the total investment to \$155 million from April 2016 to April 2019.

- Ontario recently launched the Ontario Palliative Care Network, a partnership among Cancer Care Ontario, Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks, Health Quality Ontario and other partners, including members from diverse care settings and caregivers, clinical representatives and associations.

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