



**Joe Dickson, MPP**  
Ajax - Pickering



## **New Provincial Funding for Ajax-Pickering Hospital puts expanded ER facilities in motion**

NEWS

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Today, Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson announced that the Ontario Government will fund Ajax-Pickering hospital with \$2.6 Million for the operation of the newly expanded Emergency Department facilities and the Complex Continuing Care Unit.

The new funding allows Rouge Valley Health to pay for start-up costs, additional staff training, new equipment and other costs associated with the operation of the expanded Ajax-Pickering Hospital's facilities.

### **QUOTES**

"This new Ontario Provincial funding adds to our Government's continuous improvement of local Health Care in Ajax and Pickering," said Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson. "We have a new expanded Emergency Room that now has the money to make it fully-operational."

"We thank the ministry, the Central East LHIN and MPP Joe Dickson for recognizing community needs with this announcement," said Rik Ganderton, President and CEO of Rouge Valley Health System.

"We are pleased to work with the Ministry of Health in providing this type of support to the Rouge Valley Health System," said Deborah Hammons, CEO of the Central East LHIN. "Ensuring that patients have access to efficient and effective emergency department care is a key aim of the LHIN."

### **QUICK FACTS**

- The \$2.6 Million in PCOP (Post Construction Operation Plan) funding is for 2009/2010.
- The expanded ER and Complex Continuing Care Unit are complete and have been occupied since November 30, 2009.
- The second phase of the expansion, consisting primarily of renovations, will be completed by fall of 2010. When complete, the entire expansion will mean about 140,000 square feet of new and renovated space for emergency and related services.
- The new RVAP emergency department will provide space for the anticipated 60,000 patient visits a year.
- The Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering Hospital's largest expansion in history continues to be on schedule and within budget.

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