
Improving Access to Health Care for Families in the City of Kawartha Lakes

New Ontario Government Investing In Community Health Centres

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NEWS

Ontario is improving access to health care for families in the City of Kawartha Lakes by building a new Community Health Centre.

New infrastructure investments will support the relocation of the City of Kawartha Lakes Community Health Centre. The improvements will allow the centre to provide more health services and increase the number of clients it assists.

Community health centres help strengthen rural communities by serving people who face barriers accessing health care, including geography, child care, housing and poverty.

Ensuring access to the right care, at the right time and in the right place supports [Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care](#), and is part of the new Ontario government's efforts to build a strong economy and a fair society for the benefit of all.

QUOTES

"Community Health Centres play a vital role in helping Ontarians get the care they need, close to home. This investment in new capital funding for the City of Kawartha Lakes Community Health Centre will ensure improved access to high-quality health care and other services for local residents."

— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"Rural communities have unique health care needs. This is why the programs and services offered by the City of Kawartha Lakes Community Health Centre are essential, and will be further enhanced with the construction of a new facility. This will result in more programs and services available to more clients, strengthening the rural community it serves."

— Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs

"We're committed to building a healthier community here in the City of Kawartha Lakes with an emphasis on helping the most vulnerable citizens requiring primary care services. This funding will allow us to expand access to our primary health care, health promotion, dental, seniors and youth services so that we can better reach out to all populations of the community we serve."

— Catherine Danbrook, CEO, Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes CHC

“Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes CHC is a valuable partner in the delivery of healthcare services in the Central East LHIN and is contributing to the LHIN’s goal of helping local residents spend more time in their homes and their communities. In addition to providing primary care services, the CHC also focuses on ensuring that seniors and other vulnerable populations are receiving hospice and community support services. We look forward to seeing the opportunities that this funding announcement will provide to the CHC as together we focus on meeting the needs of Central East LHIN residents.”

— Wayne Gladstone, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors

QUICK FACTS

- The City of Kawartha Lakes Community Health Centre is one of 17 sites across the province that will benefit from community capital improvement projects this year.
- There are 101 community health centres throughout Ontario providing quality care to more than 300,000 people.

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The [Association of Ontario’s Health Centres](#) is the voice for community-governed primary health care in Ontario.

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