

## **Ontario Supporting Hospital Expansion in Uxbridge** *Investments in Hospital Infrastructure Will Help End Hallway Health Care*

**NEWS**

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UXBRIDGE — Patients and families in growing communities like Uxbridge are receiving care in facilities with aging infrastructure and not enough capacity to meet growing demands. That's why Ontario is investing in hospital infrastructure projects in communities across the province to add more beds and help end hallway health care.

Today, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, was joined by Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge, to announce that Ontario is investing up to \$500,000 to support Markham Stouffville Hospital with early capital planning for the proposed major redevelopment of its Uxbridge site.

“Our government will end hallway health care by investing in hospital infrastructure and adding more beds in communities like Uxbridge,” said Elliott. “Projects like the redevelopment of Markham Stouffville Hospital’s Uxbridge site will help reduce wait times for patients and families and improve their quality of care.”

The proposed project includes the construction of a new, modern hospital facility on the existing Uxbridge site to replace the current aged building. It may also include expanding specialized outpatient clinics and the creation of a community health hub with long-term care services to support patient-centred, integrated health care programs.

“Today’s announcement reinforces our commitment to providing the people of Pickering-Uxbridge with world-class healthcare – both now, and for future generations,” said Bethlenfalvy. “This is yet another way our government continues to invest in the programs and services people in our community rely on every day.”

This project is part of the government’s commitment to invest \$27 billion over the next 10 years in hospital infrastructure projects across Ontario, adding 3,000 new hospital beds.

“Today is a very exciting day for the Uxbridge community,” said Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital. “We are looking forward to partnering with our community to plan a future health care hub on this site that will serve patients and families today and for generations to come.”

### Quick Facts:

- Markham Stouffville Hospital is a community hospital with sites in Markham and Uxbridge.
- The Ministry of Health will work with the Markham Stouffville Hospital to plan for redevelopment of the Uxbridge site.
- The existing building was built in 1959 and is proposed to be demolished and replaced with a new building.

Additional resources:

- [Improving health care in Ontario](#)
- [Ontario's Government for the People to Break Down Barriers to Better Patient Care](#)
- [Building a Connected Public Health Care System for the Patient](#)
- [Hallway Health Care: A System Under Strain](#)

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