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Halton Healthcare Receives \$1.95 Million in Infrastructure Funding

Halton Healthcare is receiving \$1.95 million in funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) for facility upgrades at Georgetown Hospital and Milton District Hospital including the replacement of outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units and boilers and new roofing.

"The funding will enable us to replace outdated mechanical and building equipment in the older sections of our Georgetown and Milton Hospitals," said Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare. "It is important to keep all of our facilities in a state of good repair so patients can continue to receive exemplary patient care in a safe and healthy environment. We thank the provincial government for its continued investment in hospital infrastructure."

While both Milton and Georgetown hospitals have undergone expansions in recent years, the original facilities, which are still used for patient care, date back to the 1950s and 60s.

"It is challenging to keep old building systems and equipment in good working order and there comes a point when replacement is the only option," explained Bill Bailey, Senior Vice President, Redevelopment and Facilities, Halton Healthcare. "This investment will improve the energy efficiency of the building and assist in maintaining the essential life safety systems."

Sharon Lee Smith, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mississauga Halton LHIN said of the funding, "Through these new investments from the government, hospitals in the Mississauga Halton LHIN are receiving the support they need to deliver the best quality of care with the well-being of patients, families and the community in mind." **Contact:** Andrea Korol Sr. Communications Consultant Halton Healthcare akorol@haltonhealthcare.com

About Halton Healthcare

Halton Healthcare is an organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to nearly 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit <u>www.haltonhealthcare.com</u> Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare and Facebook.

