

## BACKGROUND

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### **Ontario to Invest in Expansion and Improvements to Kingston's Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario and Support Hotel Dieu Hospital's Renovations with a Planning and Design Grant**

The Province of Ontario has approved the investment in the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario at Kingston General Hospital to reduce patient wait times and enhance access to cancer treatment for both adults and children throughout the area.

Construction is expected to begin in 2008-2009.

The Province of Ontario is also supporting the previously announced upgrade of the acute ambulatory care facility at Hotel Dieu Hospital through a planning and design grant of up to \$2,000,000 to assist with the costs of developing the proposed project through the planning and design stages. A traditional government financing approach will be used for the Hotel Dieu Hospital renovation project. Construction is expected to begin in 2007-2008.

The Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, (formerly known as the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre), has been providing cancer treatment and services to cancer patients and their families in the region for more than 50 years. The existing cancer centre at Kingston General Hospital was built in 1977. Approximately 8,500 patients use the services of the Centre each year.

The renovation and expansion projects for Kingston General and Hotel Dieu hospitals, and a planning and design grant for the Providence Continuing Care Centre, made it possible to accommodate the transfer of patients from Hotel Dieu, as well as other acute care patients. These projects also complemented planning for the redevelopment of the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario. Hotel Dieu was able to complete the renovations and consolidation required in order to be the acute ambulatory care centre for Kingston. And the planning and design grant for the Providence Continuing Care Centre allowed the centre to start the work for the consolidation of services in a new facility on the King West site.

#### **Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP)**

The Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario initiative has been approved as an Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) project. This means the construction work will be financed and carried out by the private sector, which will assume the project risks for ensuring delivery on time and on budget. The completed facility will be publicly owned and controlled.

#### **Building a Better Tomorrow Framework for Planning, Financing and Procuring Infrastructure**

The government has made it clear that public hospitals will remain under appropriate public ownership and control. All aspects of the project will be consistent with the principles of the government's *Building a Better Tomorrow Framework* announced by Public Infrastructure Renewal Minister David Caplan in July 2004.

The five guiding principles of the framework are:

1. Public interest is paramount
2. Value for money must be demonstrable
3. Appropriate public control/ownership must be preserved

4. Accountability must be maintained
5. All processes must be fair, transparent and efficient.

***ReNew Ontario***

These projects are part of ReNew Ontario – the government's infrastructure investment strategy. Under this strategy, the province and its partners will invest \$30 billion over five years in Ontario's public infrastructure.

*ReNew Ontario* commits the government and its partners to investing \$5 billion in health care by 2010. The goal is to modernize Ontario's health infrastructure by updating equipment and expanding capacity to meet the needs of the province's growing and aging population. The *ReNew Ontario* investments are helping us build a stronger, healthier and more prosperous province.

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