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INVESTING IN THE NEW BRAMPTON CIVIC HOSPITAL

The new Brampton Civic Hospital will be a state-of-the-art, 608-bed facility that will provide quality health care to the community's growing population and accommodate 90,000 emergency room visits per year.

The McGuinty government is committed to almost doubling the area's current bed capacity in the new hospital. This fall, the Brampton Civic site of the William Osler Health Centre will open with 479 beds. The number of beds will increase to 527 in 2009/10, 570 in 2010/11, and 608 in 2011/12.

The new Brampton Civic site will also almost double the area's ambulatory care capacity from the current 242, 000 visits a year to over 400,000 visits a year by 2011/12.

The McGuinty government has made a series of investments in the new Brampton Civic Hospital, including:

- \$4.5 million for diagnostic and medical equipment (February 2006);
- \$8.9 million for equipment (May 2006);
- \$18.9 million for equipment (September 2006);
- \$24 million for equipment and related accommodation, such as electrical fixtures and building structures (December 2006);
- \$10 million in operational funding to assist the hospital with costs related to moving to the new hospital site. This includes the development of emergency evacuation plans for the new building and operational policies and procedures for the building layout – as well as the recruiting and training of health care professionals who will assist the hospital in meeting the needed service expansions, building orientation and fire safety training (December 2006).

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