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**The Credit Valley Hospital
Is Ready, Set...Growing!**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Mississauga, Ontario) The President of The Credit Valley Hospital, Wayne Fyffe was absolutely thrilled as two local MPPs signed a huge cheque for \$48.6 million dollars representing the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's commitment to the hospital's multi million dollar expansion and renovation project. He said, "We want to thank our two very dedicated MPPs, John Snobelen and Rob Sampson for bringing us this very important and welcome news for our expansion and renovation project."

The symbolic cheque signing was a gesture of good faith on behalf of the Ministry to support the project that includes a regional cancer centre, an integrated ambulatory care wing, inpatient wing and expansions and renovations to many other areas of the hospital including the overcrowded emergency department.

The Ministers referred to a large red and white sign, "Ready, Set, Grow" already erected on the hospital's property indicating the pending building projects. Minister Snobelen said "today, the Minister of Health's announced one billion dollars in additional capital funding" which included many other hospitals' building projects as recommended by the Health Services Restructuring Commission. He said, "this means there'll be ready, set, grow signs popping up all across Ontario."

Minister Sampson told the audience comprised of staff, physicians, volunteers and patients, that he and John Snobelen fought an election a year ago pledging their support of The Credit Valley Hospital's expansion and renovation projects. He said they will both work hard to ensure the appropriate operating monies flow in order to cope with the ongoing growth in the northwest quadrant of Mississauga. That area of the city is expected to growth by 71% in the next ten years.

Harinder Takhar, representing the hospital's Board of Governors said the \$48.6 million not only signifies the Ministry's support of the much needed expansion and renovation projects, but it signifies care closer to home for the patients and their families. He said "It means reduction in lengthy waits for treatment. It means improved quality of life. It means the Ministry and Government, has heard and understood."

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