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THE CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL

**LONG AWAITED “A” AND “H” HOSPITAL WINGS ANNOUNCED**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Mississauga, ON):** The Credit Valley Hospital is delighted with the long-awaited announcement that construction of A and H wing of the Credit Valley Hospital will commence in 2007. The announcement by Mississauga West MPP Bob Delaney and the Minister for Public Infrastructure Renewal, David Caplan, will allow the hospital to continue to improve and expand its facilities to meet the needs of our community.

The 275,000 square foot expansion will cost more than \$100 million and provide at least 140 additional inpatient beds for maternal/child, complex continuing care and palliative care patients. It also includes an expanded laboratory, labour and delivery rooms and an high density radiation therapy suite.

The announcement is the result of a concerted effort by five local MPPs representing the community served by Credit Valley, led by Mississauga West MPP, Bob Delaney. Mr. Delaney, along with the Minister of Transportation, Harinder Takhar, Mississauga South MPP Tim Peterson, Mississauga East MPP, Peter Fonseca, Brampton West Mississauga MPP, Vic Dhillon and Halton MPP, Kevin Flynn has been supportive of the phase two expansion project at the hospital.

“It’s no secret that our hospital has one of the busiest maternity wards in the country,” according to Wayne Fyffe, president and CEO. “Our caregivers deliver close to 5,000 babies annually, in a facility designed to deliver half that number. The completion of this project means a safer and efficient environment for new mothers and our caregivers.”

He added that “the construction will significantly enhance the throughput in the emergency department. The emergency department which sees close to 70,000 patients annually, regularly experiences “gridlock” because patients admitted to hospital via the ER, cannot secure an inpatient bed on a nursing unit. That means they remain in the ER on stretchers for hours, sometimes days, waiting for the next available inpatient bed.”

Hospital Board Chair, Norm Loberg said the expansion is tremendously important to the staff, physicians and volunteers caring for the patients at the hospital “who have been working in

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overcrowded, ill-equipped treatment and recovery space for many years. It has been a test of their patience, their dedication and their professionalism and I am proud that they have passed with top marks!”

Mr. Loberg added, “We look forward to imminent approvals from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure that the head-start projects associated with the A and H block expansion move swiftly into the queue. An offsite womens and children clinic to house outpatient programs and services together with the construction of A and H block will allow us to fulfill our mandate as a regional centre for high risk maternal and child centre.

“We are also hopeful that we will receive approval to move forward with a free-standing day surgery centre that would be part of the same offsite complex housing the women’s and children’s centre. Our commitment to reduce wait times for surgery depends on the creation of an offsite surgi centre to avoid extensive and costly renovation of the existing surgical facilities in the hospital. This centre will provide a cost effective, patient focused outpatient centre for day surgeries that in turn will free-up in-hospital surgical facilities for those patients requiring admission following their surgery, which in turn will allow us to increase the number of surgeries we provide.”

The announcement challenges the community to rally to action to complete an ambitious \$50 million fundraising campaign by the hospital foundation.

The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation’s *World Class Right Here* \$50 Million Capital Campaign was launched with a lead gift of \$6 million from Mr. Carlo Fidani, for who the Cancer Centre is named. To date the Foundation has raised more than \$40 million towards Credit Valley’s two-phase expansion. Norma Bandler, president of The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation said, “I am pleased to announce that our *World Class Right Here* Capital Campaign has already raised \$1.5 million towards the regional maternal child centre.”

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