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Credit Valley Supports GTA 905 Call to McGuinty Government to Improve Access to Hospital Care for Peel Region

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Mississauga, ON: The Credit Valley Hospital is joining hospitals across the GTA/905 in calling upon the McGuinty Government to improve local access to hospital services in Peel and surrounding regions as well as the rest of the GTA/905.

Places for Care, released today by the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance offers a series of recommendations to the Ontario Government about what should be done to maintain and improve local hospital services in the face of rapid and sustained population growth in the GTA/905 in a way that furthers the government's health system transformation agenda and complements the governments growth plans for Ontario.

The GTA/905 regions which represent more than half the annual population growth in Ontario, are among the fastest growing regions in Ontario and grew on average by 106,000 residents each year since 1996.

Places to Grow is part of the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance's call on the McGuinty government to develop and implement a health care strategy for high growth regions. Key recommendations include:

- Allocating provincial funding to hospitals based on local population
- Helping GTA/905 municipalities fund the construction of recently approved hospital expansions by having the Ontario Government reinstate "development charges" for hospital construction
- Working towards GTA/905 residents being able to access most hospital services in their own communities
- Providing growth funding to all health care sectors in the GTA/905 as well as for hospitals.

"Over the last ten years, Peel Region has been growing at a rate well above the provincial population growth rate", said CVH president and CEO, Wayne Fyffe. "This report represents the collective advice of GTA/905 hospitals about what needs to be done so we can better serve our patients."

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Places for Care is timely given the recent announcement to begin construction of A and H Wings, which will increase inpatient capacity by an additional 140 beds as well as expanding our labour and delivery and neonatal intensive care suites, laboratory and surgical capacity. It also corresponds to the government's health system transformation agenda, the creation of Local Health Integration Networks and the *Places to Grow* strategy for high growth regions", Fyffe said. "GTA/905 hospitals want to help the Ontario Government achieve its goal of care closer to home for GTA/905 residents."

The Credit Valley Hospital is a member of the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance

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