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## Sudbury



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### Repairs and Upgrades of \$1.136 Million Coming to Health Sciences North this Year

*Province Investing in Renewed Facilities to Deliver High-Quality Health Care*

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#### NEWS

Ontario is continuing to strengthen and support hospitals with \$1.136 million in repairs and upgrades to Health Sciences North this year, to provide patients with high-quality care in a safe and healthy environment.

Today, Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury, was at HSN, which will receive \$1,136,414 this year to revitalize its facilities.

Funding from the province allows hospitals to make critical improvements to their facilities, including upgrades or replacements to roofs, windows, heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

The 2017 balanced Budget includes a new \$7-billion booster shot to health care, building on the commitment made in the 2016 Budget. This investment will improve access to care, expand mental health and addiction services, and enhance the experience and recovery of patients.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare – protecting health care today and into the future.

#### QUOTES

“These repairs and upgrades are crucial to ensuring all patients get the help they need now and in the future. By upgrading our hospitals’ infrastructure, we are helping Ontarians get the best health care close to home.”

- Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Investment in health care is essential for all Ontarians, but each community has its own struggles and its own needs. That is why it was essential for us to work with the Local Health Integration Network to make sure this funding was used efficiently and effectively. This investment by your Ontario Government will go a long way to helping local hospitals address much needed infrastructure issues.

- Glenn Thibeault, MPP Sudbury

“This infrastructure funding will provide Health Sciences North the opportunity to pursue priority renewal projects to ensure the integrity of its buildings and infrastructure services”. “This type of improvement goes a long way to enhancing the comfort and overall experience of our patients and families.”

-Joe Pilon, Interim CEO and Senior VP and COO, Health Sciences North.

“On behalf of Ontario hospitals, I'd like to thank the Ontario government for recognizing the need for this vital investment. Given the continued capacity pressure facing hospitals as a result of a growing and aging population, ongoing investment in equipment upgrades and building repairs is needed to extend the life of all hospital facilities to maintain access to frontline services.”

- Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

## QUICK FACTS

- The province is investing \$175 million in repairs and upgrades to hospitals this year through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF).
- HIRF investments in other hospitals in the area include: \$2,000,000 for Timmins And District Hospital, \$140,865 for Manitoulin Health Centre, and \$217,234 for North Bay Regional Health Centre
- HIRF was established in 1999 to assist hospitals in renewing their facilities.
- As part of the 2017 Budget, Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion to support the construction of new hospital projects across the province. This brings Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.
- The government's investment of more than \$190 billion over the 13-year period starting in 2014–15 is the largest infrastructure investment in the province's history. It is helping to build new child care spaces, schools, hospitals, public transit, highways and roads.

## LEARN MORE

- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Building Together](#), Ontario's long-term infrastructure plan

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