

Province delivers funding increase to Lindsay hospital

This Week

The provincial government has delivered on its plan to boost investment in Ontario hospitals this year.

On March 25, the province released Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19, which includes an increase of \$935 million in new funding for Ontario hospitals.

As part of that funding, \$594 million will support hospitals as they meet current and future demands for regular services. This represents an overall increase in funding to the hospital sector of approximately three per cent.

"This investment provides a five per cent increase of over \$3.7 million in funding for Ross Memorial Hospital and a two per cent increase of more than \$199,000 for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott who was "delighted" to announce the increase in annualized funding.

"This investment helps to solidify the care our community deserves."

Ross Memorial president and CEO Kelly Isfan noted the funding is not only appreciated, but needed given the extra demands placed on the hospital during COVID-19.

"We are grateful for the Ontario government's funding increase, which will support us in providing the care our community needs, as well as enabling our continued response to the pandemic," said Isfan.

The hospital investment takes into consideration incremental growth to support flexibility, annualizing 2019/20 in-year investments, and ensuring all publicly funded hospitals receive an increase of no less than one per cent.