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AREA HOSPITALS GET \$2M FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

The provincial government has invested more than \$2 million in Halton Healthcare projects in an effort to facilitate more timely surgeries and medical procedures.

Oakville North-Burlington MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos, Oakville MPP Stephen Crawford and Milton MPP Parm Gill announced the funding and how it will be distributed.

The recipients include:

- Georgetown Hospital, Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and Milton District Hospital, \$825,000, training for perioperative (OR) nurses.

- Milton District Hospital, \$180,000, Holmium laser for urinary tract stone surgery

- Oakville Trafalgar Me-

morial Hospital and Milton District Hospital, \$382,160, process improvement of MRI scans

- Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, \$690,000, expansion of endoscopy capacity

"With this investment from our government of over \$2 million, Halton Healthcare will continue to ensure patients and their families have access to the care they need," said Gill.

"Our community relies on our local health-care services and our government is proud to make investments that will support the needs of our growing town."

The money comes from the province's Surgical Innovation Fund, which was created in June 2021 to support Ontario's hospitals and

provide them with the flexibility they need to perform more surgeries and procedures in their communities.

Halton Healthcare president and CEO Denise Hardenne thanked the province for its investment, noting it would further strengthen the local health-care system as it recovers from the pandemic.

"The Surgical Innovation Fund provides hospitals with the resources needed to implement innovative solutions that will help increase surgical and diagnostic capacity across the province," said Hardenne.

"We look forward to increasing our ability to provide timely access to vital diagnostic services and surgical procedures for residents of our communities."

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