



## *It's All About People Caring About People!*

To our communities:

The MPPs delivered great news on August 11, 2000 bringing Brampton closer to receiving final approval for a new hospital in Brampton. The Minister of Health has accepted the Halton-Peel District Health Council's recommendation to build Brampton's new hospital on the Chinguacousy site.

When built, the new hospital will be the largest community hospital in Ontario. The 50% of our population that now leaves Brampton to receive health care will be able to receive health care closer to home.

The government of Ontario and the District Health Council have recognized the extraordinary growth of the Brampton population and the historic under serviced needs in health care in the community by recommending that our new hospital on the Chinguacousy site be built immediately and that planning begin for a second hospital for Brampton.

The Minister of Health has also accepted the Health Council's recommendation that the City of Brampton and the hospital jointly establish a task force to evaluate all options using the weighted criteria developed and determine the best long term use of the current site to enhance and revitalise the downtown Brampton core.

We look forward to working jointly with the City of Brampton and the community groups to evaluate the best use of the current site. By working together, we can ensure that planning for the site is aligned with the City's development plans for the downtown core of Brampton, including a health care presence at the existing site.

We commend the District Health Council for conducting such a comprehensive public consultation on the siting of the new hospital for Brampton. We are delighted so many community members participated in various ways through the survey, feedback, proposals and town hall discussions.

The government and the District Health Council have listened to your feedback and made recommendations that address current health care needs, revitalization of the downtown core and planning for a second acute care hospital to meet the health care needs of one of the fastest growing communities in Ontario. All of Brampton should feel extremely proud of this significant, historic achievement. No other community has received such an opportunity for enhanced health care. It is time to roll up our sleeves and begin the work of building a new hospital that Brampton has waited for so long.

We will now work on the service plans and cost estimates for the new hospital, which the Minister of Health has asked be submitted by September 30th, 2000. You may recall the Minister, in her speech on April 13th, 2000, promised quick approvals given the urgent need we have for expanded health services in Brampton.

Again, this great achievement could not have been accomplished without the continued support of the Brampton Community. You have truly shown that after all health care is "people caring about people."

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