

## Wm. Osler Health Centre to get extra \$17.6 million

William Osler Health Centre's share of the \$450 million allocated to Ontario hospitals is \$17.6 million.

The provincial government made the announcement last week.

"It's good news for us," said William Osler's V.P. Finance and Corporate Services, Vicki Truman. "It's additional income that's being added into our base."

The additional funding boosts the health centre's annual base budget by nearly 10 per cent to a total of \$202 million.

The recent funding allocation takes into account the growing population William Osler Health Centre

serves and provided about \$1.5 million for their renal dialysis priority program.

"Funding allocated to hospitals this year will reach \$8.6 billion. That's the highest base funding ever provided to Ontario hospitals."

The funding announcement from the province means Ontario hospitals now receive 5.5 per cent more base funding than last year, and 28 per cent more than five years ago.

"We want to make sure that hospitals have the means to provide the level of services that Ontarians trust and depend on," said Ontario Health Minister Tony Clement.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Storm causes power loss in Acton

The electrical storm that blew through town Monday afternoon caused some power outages.

Halton Hills Hydro president Dan Guatto said a lightning strike outside of Halton Hills took out a hydro feed that runs between Fergus and Acton about 3:50 p.m. That knocked the power out in Acton for about 30 minutes until Halton Hills Hydro could switch over to a backup feeder to restore power.

Guatto said there were a couple of other isolated power outages in the Ballinafad and Fourth Line

areas because of trees down on hydro lines. Power was restored in those areas later that day.

### Acid spill closed Mountainview Rd.

Mountainview Rd. at River Rd. was closed for about 90 minutes Friday after an unknown substance was spilled on the road. The substance was later discovered to be muriatic acid and was cleaned up by Halton Hills Fire Department.



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