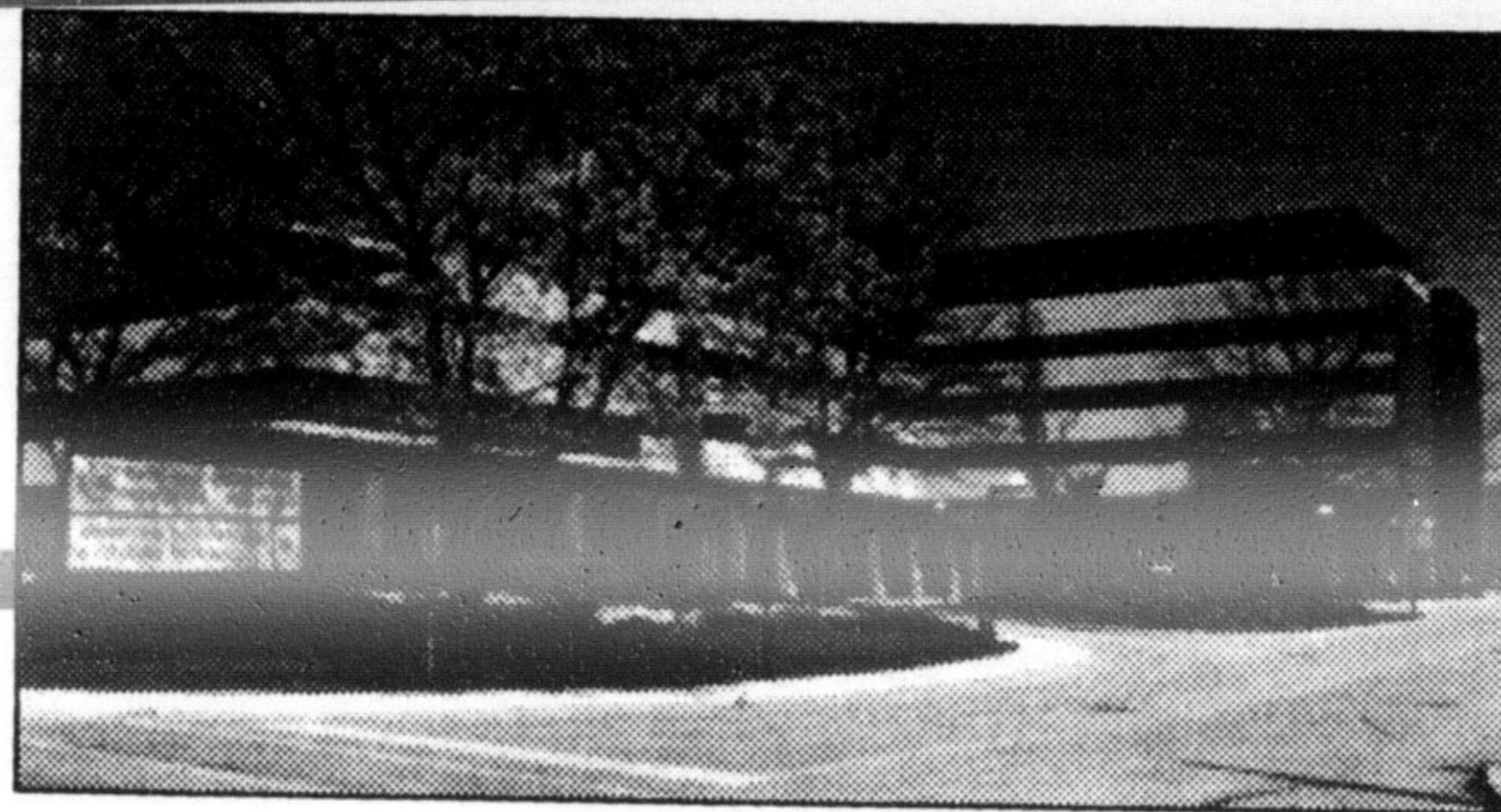


# Our Communities

& OAKVILLE-TRAFALGAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



## Our Mission

### Caring Today Growing for Tomorrow

*We are committed to providing quality, compassionate care and services to meet the diverse needs of our population in a timely and effective manner.*

*We will constantly seek innovations to improve our ability to deliver care and services and to be leaders in working towards a healthier community.*

## Amalgamation Questions & Answers

### Why are our two hospitals amalgamating?

The Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) directed our two hospitals to amalgamate by August 1, 1998. The Boards of both hospitals determined that it was in the best interests of our communities to proceed with the amalgamation process.

### Why is the HSRC recommending amalgamation?

The Commission's mandate is to help build a health care system that is capable of dealing with the changing needs of the province's population and, at the same time, respond to the demands and costs of changing technology and treatment methods.

### What are the benefits of amalgamating our hospitals?

This amalgamation is not about saving large amounts of money.

The main benefit is to improve access to health care services by the residents of both communities. An increase in the combined population will be a factor in attracting professional staff, including physicians, and provide the necessary justification for expansion of services or the purchase of new equipment. Efficiencies - and therefore some cost savings - can be achieved by consolidating some administrative services or changing the way services are provided to reduce waiting times or accommodate patients' needs.

#### Examples:

- Easier transfer of patients between sites and accessibility to services at either site.
- Co-operative/partnership arrangements with other health care facilities based on the larger patient volume from the combined organization ie. cardiac care and oncology.

### What will happen to the Auxiliaries and Foundations of each hospital?

The Auxiliaries and Foundations of the two hospitals will continue to be separate organizations with their own Boards of Directors. They have agreed to work co-operatively on mutually beneficial projects. Donors may still direct their donations to either hospital or for specific purposes.

### Will the name of our hospitals change?

No! In recognition of the feedback received from people associated with both hospitals and with respect to the significance of the meaning of each site name, the new Board of Directors, in selecting a corporate name, unanimously supported each hospital retaining its current name within its own community. The new corporate name, Halton Healthcare Services Corporation, has been chosen for the combined organization to simplify legal transactions and official business.

By adopting a new corporate name, the organization is allowing for the integration of new partners and facilities such as the planned long term care facilities to be built adjacent to both OTMH and MDH without the necessity of re-naming the organization again at a later date.

### Questions?

Additional information about the amalgamation will continuously be shared with both communities through advertisements in local papers, community events, speaking engagements, etc.

If you have a specific question please call the MDH or OTMH Administration offices or leave a message on the automated Restructuring Hotline - 905-815-5073.

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