

Funding tremendous: Oliver

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"It will be a very, very exciting period of time here in Halton as the quality of the health-care services here continue to improve," Smitherman said.

The full \$15 million announced goes to the Halton Healthcare Corporation, which leads the planning and expansion efforts.

"This is tremendous news for our communities," said Halton Healthcare Corporation's CEO and President John Oliver. "The capital funding will allow us to continue our planning efforts for the new Oakville hospital and initiates the planning for the much-needed expansion of the Milton District Hospital."

He went on to thank the govern-

ment for the investment in the health of the community and said he looks forward to working collaboratively with the Province on the redevelopment projects.

Though details of what Oakville's new hospital will feature are not yet known, Oliver said it will be an "environmentally-friendly" facility "offering first-rate care in an innovative environment."

Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn said the funding announcement is great news for both Milton and Oakville residents.

"This funding will allow our hospital to move ahead with planning for new facilities that will bring high quality health services to our community."

— with files from Melanie Hennessey

Watering only at certain times

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period," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "The public's support was excellent."

Now, lawn watering is only permitted between 6 and 9 a.m. and 6 and 9 p.m. The Region is reminding residents that lawns only require one inch of water per week and rain gauges can help monitor the amount of water a lawn receives naturally.

The municipality is also asking everyone to continue minimizing their outdoor water use and refrain from washing their driveways and sidewalks.

Sod laid or seeded within the past 60 days is exempt, while trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens can be hand-watered as needed.

Commissioner of Planning and

Public Works Peter Crockett told regional council Wednesday he's not sure how long the mandatory odd/even restriction will be in place.

"It is being driven largely by our ability to recover after the hot days," he said.

Staff is continuing to monitor the Region's water systems on a daily basis.

Those who don't comply with the water rules can face fines of up to \$5,000 under a regional bylaw.

For more information on the water use restriction, visit www.halton.ca. Water conservation tips and advice are available at www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

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