

# Hospitals cash in as province outlines funding

□ **Markham-Stouffville to receive \$7.3 million for emergency department**

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York Region hospitals will cash in on the provincial government's largest reinvestment in Ontario's

health-care system. And that's good news for residents and local hospital officials, who until Monday feared the possibility of bed closures and service cuts.

But that all changed yesterday when Minister of Health Elizabeth Witmer announced \$206.7 million in improvements and renovations and \$17 million in growth funding for hospitals across the Greater Toronto Area.

director of public relations for Richmond Hill's York Central Hospital.

"This will be a great relief to everybody at the hospital. We've been in limbo for so many months. The community should have a big celebration."

"This means more, not

less." Without the growth funding, York Central was poised to close 17 beds and issue layoff notices to 30 staff members.

Under funding details announced at Mississauga Queensway Hospital:

- York Central in Richmond Hill will receive \$18.9 million to expand its emergency, obstetrical and critical-care departments.

- York County Hospital in Newmarket will receive \$15.8 million for improvement to its emergency and critical-care departments.

- Markham-Stouffville Hospital, which had been seeking \$10 million, will receive \$7.3 million to expand its emergency department.

Witmer's announcement also included funding to help the 905 hospitals cope with population growth.

In total, \$17 million has been allocated across the GTA, but it will take up to two weeks to determine how much is earmarked for York Region.

According to York Mackenzie MPP Frank Klees, York Region hospitals will get their fair share because the funding will be distributed using a formula that is based on a region's population.

"The total allocation is more than last year," said Klees, who was at yesterday's press conference. "There's no reason to doubt any of our hospitals will be short-changed."

But not everybody was convinced the money will address the region's desperate need for additional health funding.

York County president Dan Carriere, who hoped the province would deliver \$45 million for a series of renovations, will appeal the ministry's funding allocation.

While the \$15.8 million is what was recommended by the Health Services Restructuring Commission, Carriere said the amount falls way short of the hospital's needs.

"The allocation ... should have been double, more like \$45 million," said Carriere, who was also in Mississauga for the announcement.

Klees admits the money is less than what York County had hoped for, but indicated further funding could still be available.

"This isn't necessarily everything Dan Carriere wants, but it is certainly a giant step in the right direction," said Klees.

"We have a long way to go. For the last two successive governments, funding approval has never been delivered."

The population in the 905 area is expected to grow by 17 per cent by the year 2000 from 1995 levels.

"The population of the GTA is rapidly growing and aging," Witmer said.

"Today's announcement reflects recognition of growth and the health-care needs of the GTA."

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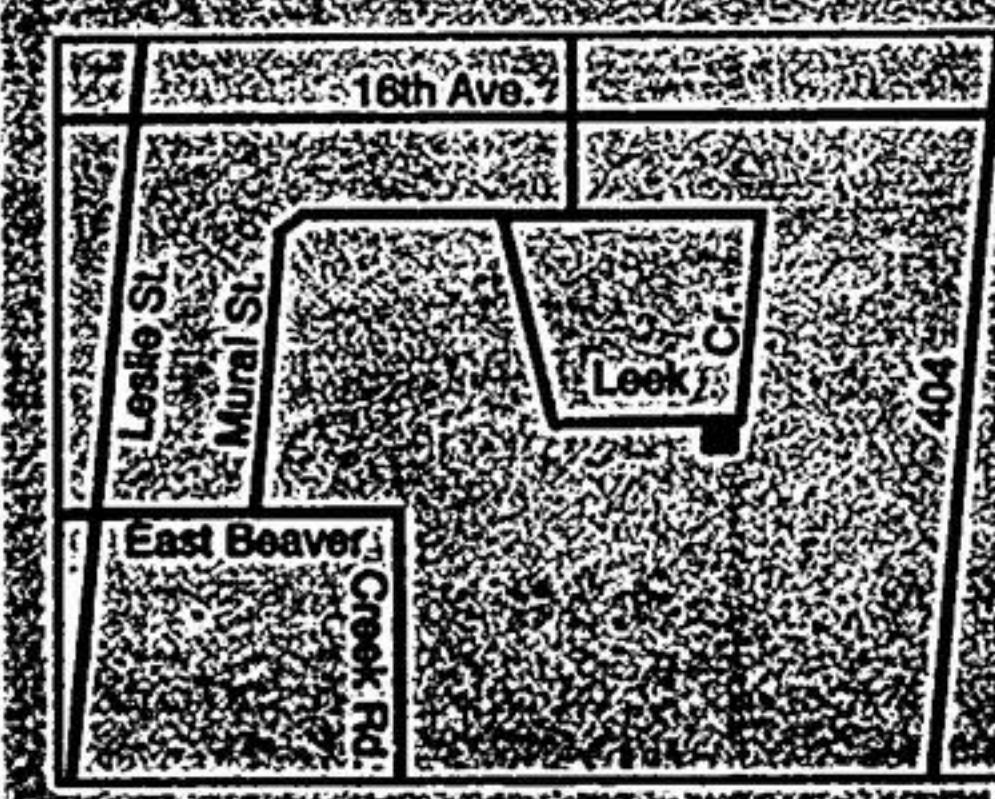
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