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Region to lobby for restoration of health-care lot levies

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has been a capital freeze for many, many years.

"Now the development floodgates have opened up."

The provincial government will fund \$124.8 million of the \$202-million total price tag.

The region will contribute \$41.6 million through tax revenues. The \$20.8-million balance would come from a \$500 surcharge on new residential development through an agreement with the Urban Development Institute, while the region will lobby Queen's Park to reinstate the hospitals' portion of development charges to help pay for new growth.

"The dollars are so much higher than ever before. It set me back when the

hospitals informed us," said York Region chairperson Bill Fisch, who holds a faint hope the government will renew the development charges it stripped away from hospital capital funding in 1998.

"But we are not going to let our hospitals down. We will find a way that hospital projects are built and capital costs are provided for. We all recognize this as a very serious issue and the timing is crucial. The development community will come on side because they will have problems if they don't. Unless they can assist us, it will impact their growth."

Lussing was joined at Thursday's meeting by Dr. Jim MacLean, president of Markham Stouffville Hospital, and York County Hospital president Dan Carriere, who was still reeling from Monday's federal budget that allotted \$2.5 billion for health care and post-sec-

ondary education.

"That was very disappointing," said Carriere. "The \$2.5 billion is split between health and education, is spread over four years and is a one-time number. And that's for all of Canada, not just Ontario."

However, Oak Ridges Liberal MP Bryon Wilfert said federal support for health care has risen in each of the last four federal budgets, including a \$4.4-billion cash infusion last year alone.

And the Ontario government has only spent \$755 million from its \$1.3-billion portion of health-care funding in last year's federal budget, on top of the \$952 million it was awarded last week, he added.

"How can they be demanding more money and saying the system is in dire straits? The money is obviously there,

but Ontario has not utilized it," said Wilfert yesterday. "At the same time, the Ontario government claims a lack of federal support has placed health care in Ontario under threat, the provincial government has been sitting on over half a billion of federal cash that could have gone into the system at any time."

Markham Mayor Don Cousens said he did not want to shortchange the hospitals, but thought a public meeting should be held before endorsing a financial commitment from the region.

But Newmarket Mayor Tom Taylor urged his colleagues to make a prompt decision and recommended asking Simcoe County to pay a portion of the region's \$62.5-million contribution, since statistics reveal 20 per cent of patients at York County Hospital are Simcoe County residents.

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March 26 1:00 - 2:30 pm	March 21 8:30 - 10:00 pm
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March 20 7:00 - 8:30 pm	March 25 1:00 - 2:00 pm
March 27 7:00 - 8:30 pm	April 1 1:00 - 2:00 pm
U11 Girls born 1989	U16 Girls born 1984
March 22 7:00 - 8:00 pm	March 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm
March 29 7:00 - 8:00 pm	March 23 7:00 - 8:00 pm
U11 Boys born 1989	U16 Boys born 1984
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