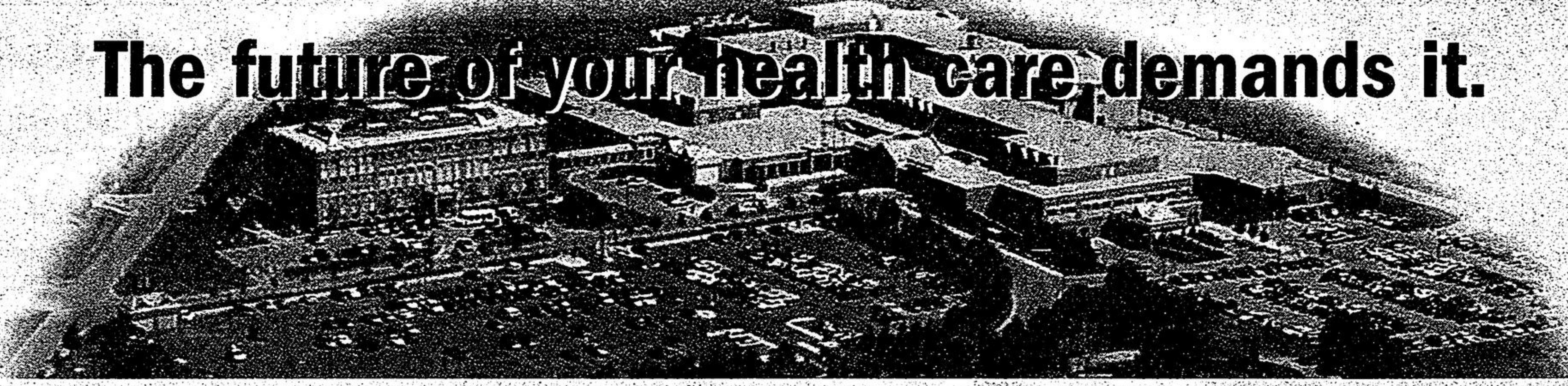




A MESSAGE FROM MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

IT'S TIME FOR US TO TALK.

The future of your health care demands it.



Dear Friends,

The staff, physicians and volunteers of Markham Stouffville Hospital are proud to provide you with quality health care.

We're also excited about the future as we move forward with our plans for a new and innovative Health Campus that will include a variety of services to meet the needs of our changing and growing community.

We know this is what we need to do to continue to serve you well.

And that's why we need to talk.

It's been a little over 12 years since Markham Stouffville Hospital opened its doors to the community.

Back in 1981, when planning first began for a community hospital, Markham/Stouffville had more than 77,000 residents. By 2001, there were more than 230,000 people.

We're becoming very concerned about our ability to provide accessible quality health care, especially when we review the facts and see their impact.

On average, the Province spends \$642 for every person for hospital care. In York Region, only \$326 was spent for every person in 2001, half the provincial average.

In Ontario, on average, there are 169.2 acute care beds per 100,000 population. In Markham Stouffville, there are only 58.7 acute care beds per 100,000.

And while we have earned a reputation for our innovation, cost-effectiveness and high quality care, despite a very challenging health-care environment, we need the Province to help.

We can't continue the way things are.

We have a plan to expand the Hospital. For the past three



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years, we've been asking the province to help us achieve our dream of a new full-service health care campus. And while Markham MPP David Tsubouchi has provided support and leadership to our endeavour, government officials at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have not supported us.

No approvals. No funding commitments. No progress.

While it is not unusual for years to pass from the time a hospital expansion is proposed to the time it is completed, we're feeling pressed.

It will be at least four years before our construction would

be complete, if we were to receive approval now.

We want you to know we're working hard to persuade the Province to approve our innovative health care plans and to commit appropriate funding to make it happen.

We're working for you. For your health. For the health of your family.

We won't give up and we'll keep you posted on our progress.

As always, we're here for you if you have questions or concerns about the future of health care. Please watch for further information on our growth plans. We may need to call on you for support.

Deepak Shukla
Chairperson,
Markham Stouffville
Hospital Board

Dr. Jim MacLean
President & Chief
Executive Officer

Your hospital. Your health care. Your time. Please help.



THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PLAN

- Expanded emergency department, diagnostic imaging facilities and additional space for outpatient clinics and inpatient beds.
- A dedicated building for seniors' services, with staff focused on meeting the specific needs of these citizens with inpatient, outreach and day programs.
- A Health and Wellness centre, the first of its kind in Ontario, which includes ambulatory and outpatient clinics, a surgicentre, a wellness/learning centre, public and private clinics, alternative therapy providers, medical offices and other health-related retail services.
- A community-focused health care campus through partnerships with York Region, the private sector and others.



For information on our growth plans, please visit our website at
www.msh.on.ca