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HIRF Money for NGH

Norfolk General Hospital has received \$2.3 million for infrastructure projects from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF). The announcement was made Wednesday January 22 in a release from Toby Barrett, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP.

The funds will be used for upgrades, repairs and facility maintenance at NGH.

“The investment of \$2.3m is welcome news. Funds will be used to replace aging equipment including an air handling unit and air conditioning. Also, significant upgrades will be made to building controls. All of this work will ensure the health, safety and comfort of our patients” remarked Tom Tomson, NGH Vice President of Finance.

“The health and safety of patients and families is a priority for our government,” stated Barrett in the release. “That’s why we must make the necessary investments in our hospitals now, to ensure our providers have the facilities they need to continue to provide excellent quality care to patients.”

Hospitals are responsible for ensuring that their facilities are in a good state of repair by managing their capital assets and planning renewal activities.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care established the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) in 1999 to assist hospitals in renewing their hospital facilities. Hospitals must apply for the funding outlining the specific infrastructure project to be undertaken and upon approval,



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use the monies only for project outlined in the application. Work at NGH will be undertaken immediately.

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