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City of Vaughan Hospital Announcement

I am pleased to announced that today (April 27, 2007) Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman announced that the provincial government has given its permission to proceed to the planning stage for a new hospital for the City of Vaughan.

"Planning for new hospital services in Vaughan needs to happen," Smitherman said. "Vaughan is a growing area and we're responding to the health care needs of the community to improve access to quality health care."

The announcement was made at the official ribbon cutting for the new Villa Columbo seniors centre in Kleinberg. Members of Vaughan Council and many of the community leaders who been working over the last 4 years to bring a hospital to the city were there.

"This is an enormously important step in the process to bring a hospital to our city;" said Councillor Shefman. "The Minister today said that he would support moving ahead quickly to the building stage, hoping to have the facility up and running within about 4 years or so. While we don't have either a site defined nor even a clear plan for what facilities would be in our hospital, we are now on our way to see our needs met."

This announcement will allow the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), which includes Vaughan, to work in conjunction with stakeholders and the Vaughan Health Care Foundation to conduct planning for health care services in one of the fastest-growing communities in the province.

"This marks an important first step to ensure that any hospital in Vaughan will meet the needs of our community now and in the future," said Greg Sorbara, MPP for Vaughan-King-Aurora. "Together, with community residents and leaders, we are moving forward for a healthier Vaughan."