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South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Announces New Funding for Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital

Perth, Ontario (Monday, Sept 27, 2010) - South East LHIN Board Chair Georgina Thompson and CEO Paul Huras today announced Ministry of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC) funding of \$1,375,800 to Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital.

The funds are provided under the Ministry's Post Construction Operating Plan (PCOP) program, to support expected costs of operations and maintenance related to the completion of the hospital's new Wing. The South East LHIN and the Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital look forward to continuing to work with the MOHLTC to ensure that the new Wing continues to provide the services the community needs going forward.

"I'm pleased to confirm this funding for Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital," said SELHIN Board Chair Georgina Thompson, "and for the added ability it gives them to ensure residents throughout the Perth and Smiths Falls region receive the access they need to quality health care,"

"This support is in keeping with the overall South East LHIN approach to provide hospitals with the resources they need to achieve their performance goals" said SELHIN CEO Paul Huras.

The funding announced today is part of an ongoing commitment from MOHLTC and the SELHIN to review and adjust PCOP funding levels based on the hospital's evolving experience in serving residents and patients.

Quotes:

“Funding from today’s announcement will become a permanent component of the hospital’s annual operating budget. It is targeted towards facility... [and] related costs for the additional space associated with the newly expanded Smith’s Falls hospital site.” - Todd Stepanuik - PSFDH CEO

“This new investment is a response to a request put forward by PSFDH. The announcement is the culmination of the initial two phases of the Smiths Falls site redevelopment project. We are extremely pleased with this funding announcement.” - L. Sparks - PSFDH Board Chair

“The PSFDH has a long standing track record of providing excellent services to the community with a manner of efficiency and professionalism that is second-to-none. I am pleased they have been rewarded for their efforts with this recent funding.” - Randy Hillier - MPP- Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington

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