

MEDIA RELEASE**OHA Statement on WAHA Redevelopment Project**

“The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) is grateful the Government of Canada has reaffirmed its commitment to the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) redevelopment project, announcing today that it will be delivering its portion of the funding.

WAHA is the provider of health care services to people living along Ontario’s James Bay and Hudson Bay coasts and plays an essential role in delivering care to northern Indigenous communities.

The WAHA redevelopment plan, announced in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada and Infrastructure Ontario is profoundly important. It involves the construction of a new hospital, Elder Care Lodge, staff accommodations in Moosonee and a new Ambulatory Care Centre. A modern facility is urgently needed to support WAHA’s important work of providing exceptional and culturally aware health services to patients in the communities of the James Bay and Hudson Bay coasts.

Today’s announcement will ensure construction can continue on this project. The OHA and the leadership of Ontario’s hospitals have been calling on the Government of Canada to commit to delivering its portion of the funding and welcomes today’s news.

The OHA also appreciates the additional \$44 million announced for WAHA from the Government of Ontario – in addition to the \$1.3 billion it has already committed to this project. The OHA looks forward to working with both levels of government to ensure equitable access to health care in rural and Indigenous communities.”

- Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

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Established in 1924, the OHA serves as the voice of the province’s public hospitals, supporting them through advocacy, knowledge translation and member engagement, labour relations, and data and analytics with the goal of helping hospitals build a better health system. The OHA is also attuned to the broader strategic questions facing the future of the province’s health care system and we work to ensure Ontario’s hospitals have a voice in shaping this longer-term vision.

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