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## **ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON FUTURE UNVEILED**

HAMILTON – A sign was erected today at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Centre for Mountain Health Services site, highlighting the new campus planned for the mountain site.

Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP for Hamilton Mountain, Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and Dr. Bob Zipursky, Vice President Mental Health and Addiction Services and Chief of Psychiatry were on hand to unveil a mock-up of the new sign, which is located at the corner of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Fennell Avenue.

The new health care centre, designed to support patient and family-centred care, is still in the planning stage. The new hospital will provide more services in order to better support people and families struggling with mental illness. The hospital will have expanded outpatient clinics for mental health and addiction services, diagnostic imaging and medical care, as well as research and academic spaces.

Services currently provided by St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton will continue, including: specialized mental health services for prevention, primary care, crisis and emergency care; and intensive and specialized services for individuals who experience complex and rare mental illnesses.

“This is an important project that will provide residents of Hamilton and the surrounding area with a wider range of health care services in a larger facility,” said Minister Smitherman. “This government has made significant investments in health care, and there are now more than 100 new and existing hospitals in various stages of expansion and upgrade across Ontario. The new hospital will enhance the quality of care and the quality of life for patients and their families who rely on this specialized care.”

“Today's event marks another step toward greater access to health care in Hamilton,” said Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP for Hamilton Mountain. “By improving health care infrastructure, we are putting the foundation in place for modern service delivery in our hospitals - demonstrating the McGuinty government's commitment to families and individuals.”

“The redevelopment of our mountain campus will result in a health care centre that reflects and supports the state-of-the-art, modern mental health care our team delivers to the community,” said Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. “By moving forward with this project, the Ontario government is providing

our team with the opportunity to expand our exemplary clinical care while we continue to break down the stigma associated with mental illness.”

Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are working with St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton to build the new hospital, which will remain publicly owned, publicly controlled and publicly accountable. Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing some of the province’s larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects – ensuring they are built on time and on budget.

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