

# Ontario Continuing to Connect People to Care, Close to Home

*\$1.18 billion, province-wide investment will add \$7,738,000 to the Thunder Bay – Atikokan Region*

## NEWS

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**Thunder Bay** — As part of [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is ensuring patients will continue to have access to high quality care in their community, by investing over \$1.18 billion this year to continue funding over 3,500 hospital beds across the province, including \$7,738,000 for 34 beds in Thunder Bay.

"This transformative funding allocation from our government marks a pivotal moment for Thunder Bay's healthcare landscape. It represents a substantial leap forward, enabling a wider capacity of support and undoubtedly ushering in a new era of enhanced healthcare services, promising a brighter and healthier future for our community" – **MPP Kevin Holland**

Through this ongoing and permanent investment, Ontario is ensuring patients will continue to have access to over 3,500 acute, post-acute and critical beds across the province. This is another step the government is taking to improve access, expand capacity and decrease wait times, building a health care system that better serves patients both now and into the future.

"Our government continues to make critical investments in our hospitals and health care infrastructure to connect more Ontarians to high-quality convenient care," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This investment will ensure communities across the province have the beds they need to deliver high quality health care in their community now, and for years to come."

The province continues to work with local hospital partners and Ontario Health to ensure communities have the hospital capacity they need to connect patients to care, close to home.

## QUICK FACTS

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested an additional \$8.8 billion in the hospital sector, adding over 3,500 acute, post-acute and critical care beds across the province.
- Ontario's investments over the next 10 years will lead to nearly \$50 billion in health infrastructure across the province.
- As of the end of 2022, Ontario approved 50 hospital development projects that will build more than 3,000 new hospital beds in communities across the province over the next 10 years.

## QUOTES

“These investments enable us to more effectively manage surges by creating additional capacity in the health system. It is these types of funding initiatives that allow us to maintain a responsive, stable and integrated system of care across the province.”

- **Matthew Anderson**  
President and CEO of Ontario Health

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

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