

## Ontario Increasing Funding to Local Hospital

*The province is investing an additional \$1,282,600 this year to enhance access to local healthcare in Atikokan*

NEWS

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Atikokan - The Ontario government is investing an additional \$1,282,600 this year to the Atikokan General Hospital to deliver faster, more connected care for the people in Atikokan and the surrounding area.

“I am proud to work with The Honourable Sylvia Jones and our government who have remained committed to Ontario hospitals. These funding investments are designed to provide hospitals like Atikokan General Hospital the tools they need so the residents of Atikokan and area can continue to access quality and compassionate healthcare,” **said Kevin Holland, MPP for Thunder Bay-Atikokan**. “It is important to me that we remember to celebrate the hospital’s leadership and staff team for their significant achievements in compassionate care, patient and staff safety, and quality improvement. Congratulations to Atikokan General Hospital!”

Through this investment, the Ontario government is delivering an increase of 13.6% to the hospital’s operating budget, a significant increase from last year’s 2.1% increase. This funding will help the hospital keep emergency departments open, support inflationary or other wage pressures, and reduce wait times so that people can connect to care faster.

“Our government is continuing to make record investments in our publicly funded healthcare system to connect families across the province to the care they need, when they need it,” **said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**. “This unprecedented investment in our hospitals will ensure they can continue to deliver high quality care while reducing wait lists and wait times in their communities, for years to come.”

To continue to make it faster and easier for people to access the care they need, no matter where they live, Ontario’s \$965 million investment includes funding to specifically support smaller and Northern hospitals to maintain service delivery and reduce their surgical wait lists and wait times.

Through [Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is expanding access to key services to provide people with the right care, in the right place, close to home.

### QUICK FACTS

- The province’s \$965 million investment through Budget 2024, represents a four percent increase in funding for the hospital sector for the second year in a row.
- All public hospitals, regardless of size or type, will receive a minimum two percent increase to maintain their base operations, with hospitals experiencing higher levels of growth to receive additional funding.

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has added over 3,500 beds across the province. Over the next 10 years, Ontario's investments will lead to nearly \$50 billion in more than 50 health infrastructure projects across the province, adding 3,000 more new beds.
- To allow health system partners to address their infrastructure needs, the Ontario government is investing an additional \$620 million over 10 years through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.
- The government is also investing an additional \$500 million over 10 years for small hospital projects and community health programs.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Ontario Reducing Wait Times in Emergency Departments](#)  
[Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

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