

## Construction set to begin on Headwaters expansion and renovation

Construction is set to begin this month on Headwaters Health Care Centre's transformative expansion and renovation project, signaling a significant step forward in increasing access to important health care services for the growing community.

The addition of the new space is the first major expansion of the hospital since it opened at its current location in 1997. A new, 8,200 square foot extension will be home to much-needed clinics, services and programs like chemotherapy, minor procedures, orthopaedics and telemedicine. Headwaters is also taking on an exciting renovation of existing hospital space to add another operating room, improve reception and expand pre- and post-surgical recovery areas.

"This is an exciting time for the hospital, and for the community," said Headwaters Board of Directors Chair Rob Hamilton. "With this important project underway, we will be able to deliver on our Vision of an Exceptional Experience Every Time and provide greater access to the programs and services like cancer care and day surgery that are needed most by patients and families."

Following a highly competitive bid process, Headwaters, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, selected Merit Contractors Niagara as the successful contractor for the expansion and redevelopment project. Merit has more than 30 years of experience and expertise in managing a full range of commercial, industrial and institutional building projects, including the development of health care centres across Ontario.

"This achievement has only been made possible through the extraordinary support from our community and generous donors, a strong commitment from our government partners, and the dedication of Headwaters' staff, physicians and volunteers," said Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg. "Our renovation and expansion of key programs and services will enable us to continue to provide that patient-focused, exceptional experience close to home. This is outstanding news for our community."

A formal ground-breaking ceremony will be held at Headwaters Health Care Centre today (Thursday) from 2 to 3 p.m.

More information about the ground breaking event can be found on the Headwaters website at [www.headwatershealth.ca/](http://www.headwatershealth.ca/)