



# Glenn Thibeault, MPP

## Sudbury

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### **Ontario Expanding Access to End-of-Life Care in Sudbury** *More Patients to Receive Quality Palliative Care*

**NEWS**

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Ontario is helping more patients receive quality end-of-life care closer to home by increasing the number of hospice beds and improving hospice facilities in Sudbury.

Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury, was at the Maison McCulloch Hospice to announce that through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), the province will provide three additional adult residential hospice beds, six short-stay respite beds and one new pediatric multi-use suite that can also be used for staff training at Maison McCulloch Hospice.

This funding will also support facility improvements including additional space for programs and services and an extension to the boardwalk at the hospice.

Additional funds were announced from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care which will provide \$125,000 (over the next two year) to deliver a local education and training program for caregivers of patients with a diagnosed life-limiting illness, who are in the last 12 months of life or at end-of-life. Training will be provided in-person within the Sudbury area as well as over the phone and via the Ontario Telemedicine Network.

This investment is part of Ontario's Patient's First: A Roadmap to Strengthening Home and Community Care, and the government's strategy to expand supports for caregivers caring for loved-ones receiving care at home or in the community by investing in more training and education programs for caregivers.

Expanding access to compassionate palliative and end-of-life care is part of the government's plan to support care, create opportunity and make life more affordable during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes free prescription drugs for everyone under 25, and 65 or over, through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, and free preschool child care from ages 2.5 to kindergarten.

### **QUOTES**

"Facilities like the Maison McCulloch Hospice provide critical care for patients and families at great times of need. This important investment will help ensure those who need end-of-life care in Sudbury can receive the support they need closer to home."

— Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Chair of the NOHFC

“The new expansion of the Maison McCulloch Hospice will provide our community with four more spaces as well as the means to address the complexities of palliative care. An expanded hospice will allow for more service, a new pediatric multi-use suite, and six short-stay respite beds. By continuing to invest in healthcare in Sudbury, and throughout the province, we are doing more to care for Ontarians at every stage of life.”

— Glen Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury

“The creation of short-stay symptom-management beds in a hospice setting is a first for the province. As a LHIN we will be monitoring and evaluating their success so that they can be rolled out to other areas to help more people and families. The short-stay beds will also allow for hands-on training to build capacity with health professionals, from nurses to residents and volunteers, as well as provide hands-on training for family members so that they can care for their loved ones at home.”

— Jeremy Stevenson, CEO NE LHIN

“Thanks to this investment from NOHFC, Maison McCulloch Hospice is one giant step closer to reaching its STAND BY ME capital campaign goal of \$8.4 million to expand its hospice palliative care programs and services in the Greater Sudbury region. Supplemental funding from the MOHLTC will also enable the Hospice to offer ongoing support, education and training to families and caregivers who care for their loved ones at home. ”

— Léo Therrien, Executive Director, Maison McCulloch Hospice

## QUICK FACTS

- The NOHFC is investing \$2 million for the expansion of the Maison McCulloch Hospice. This investment will make pediatric hospice care available in the area for the first time.
- The Maison McCulloch Hospice admitted more than 800 residents between 2011 and 2016.
- Since 2013, the province has invested more than \$654 million through the NOHFC in over 4,000 projects, leveraging more than \$2.3 billion in direct economic activity and creating or sustaining over 15,200 jobs in Northern Ontario.
- In the Greater Sudbury area, the NOHFC has invested more than \$134 million in 793 projects that have helped create or retain more than 2,456 jobs since 2013.

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