



# Glenn Thibeault, MPP

## Sudbury

### **Ontario Strengthening Access to End-of-Life Care in Greater Sudbury** *Province Announces Funding Increase to Hospice Services as Part of \$75 Million Investment*

NEWS

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As part of the 2016 Budget, Ontario is investing an additional \$75 million over three years to provide patients with more options and access to community-based palliative and end-of-life care. As a first step, Ontario is increasing investments in hospice services across the province by \$13.9 million over three years, including Maison Vale Hospice in Sudbury.

As part of its commitment to strengthening access to palliative and end-of-life care, the \$13.9 million additional investment across the province will increase funding for existing hospice beds by \$15,000 per adult bed and \$22,400 per pediatric bed. Maison Vale Hospice locally will be receiving a funding increase of \$150,000 dollars.

As well, Kirkland and District Hospital along with Englehart and District Hospital will each be receiving \$15,000 dollars to continue their one bedroom suite palliative care model.

The increased funding for existing hospice beds will help ensure that the high-quality palliative and end-of-life care provided by hospices remains in the community for future generations. This investment will enhance compassionate end-of-life support that relieves suffering and improves the quality of living and dying.

Improving palliative care is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#), which is providing patients with faster access to the right care, better home and community care, the information they need to stay healthy and a health care system that's sustainable for generations to come. It is also part of Ontario's [Patients First: Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#), which is the government's plan to improve and expand home and community care over the next three years.

## QUOTES

"Hospices are special places that provide compassionate care to patients and families at a challenging time in their lives. I have seen the great work and care provided here in Sudbury at Maison Vale Hospice. These services are a critical part of Ontario's plan to ensure access to high quality palliative and end-of-life care. "

— **Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury**

"Hospices provide Ontarians and their families with high quality and compassionate palliative and end-of-life-care. Supporting Ontario's hospices so they can continue to provide excellent care is an important part of our government's commitment to improve palliative and end-of-life care across the province."

— **Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**

"This funding increase for residential beds will help stabilize the operation our hospice. It will go a long way to ensure high quality hospice palliative care for our residents and their families."

---- **Léo Therrien, Executive Director of Maison Vale Hospice**

"Maison Vale Hospice thanks the Ontario government and PA John Fraser for the additional funding to support quality community hospice palliative care'. With the aging population-- the demand for end of life care could overwhelm the health care system unless we expand access to hospice palliate care now.

----- **Kevin McCormick, Chair of Maison Vale Hospice**

## LEARN MORE

- [Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Ontario's Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#)
- [Hospice Palliative Care Ontario](#)

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