

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Headwaters Health Care Centre to receive funding to operate its first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine to enhance diagnostic services

**ORANGEVILLE, ON - December 19, 2022** – Headwaters Health Care Centre is one of 27 Ontario hospitals to receive operational funding for a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine. On December 12, the <u>Ontario government</u> announced a \$20 million dollar investment to support operations.

"Magnetic Resonance Imaging will provide physicians at Headwaters with the ability to diagnose many illnesses in a more accurate and timely manner. We will also be able to support many patients in our community to receive more convenient access to MRI services," said Kim Delahunt, President & CEO of Headwaters.

Today, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Sylvia Jones joined staff at the Hospital and local community leaders to announce the good news locally.

"Our government is ensuring hospitals across the province, including Headwaters Healthcare Centre, have the funds they need to operate MRI machines and increase access to diagnostic testing in the communities they serve,' said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon. "This funding means that Dufferin-Caledon will have our first-ever MRI machine so our community can have more convenient access to care, closer to home."

Headwaters first MRI will be purchased through capital funds raised by Headwaters Health Care Foundation and Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary, and it is hoped it will be onsite and operational within the next 12 to 18 months.

"The addition of an MRI machine at Headwaters is incredible! It is a major step towards improving access to care that is so desperately needed in our community. The health care system has faced many challenges over the past three years. This news could not have come at a better time as we rebuild towards a better future," said Dr. Grace Wang, Vice President, Medical Affairs and Chief of Staff.

Dr. Dan Mozeg, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at HHCC added, "the addition of MRI will be truly transformational for our hospital, our patients and our community, allowing us to provide more comprehensive imaging closer to home and to diagnose many illnesses in a more timely and efficient manner."

The Diagnostic Imaging Department at Headwaters supports inpatient and outpatient clinical programs at the hospital. It currently provides General Radiography, Computed Tomography (CT), Echocardiography, General Ultrasound, Vascular Ultrasound, and Bone Densitometry.

## **Quick Facts**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging is a medical imaging modality that uses radio waves and strong magnetic fields to create detailed images of organs and tissues in the body. It is the preferred imaging modality in many situations due to its exquisite anatomic detail, superb soft tissue contrast, and the ability to provide various types of anatomic, physiologic, and functional information without the use of ionizing radiation.

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Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is an innovative, community centred medium-size hospital located in Orangeville, caring for the residents of Dufferin County-Caledon. Accredited with Exemplary Standing by Accreditation Canada, Headwaters offers acute and complex continuing care with 24/7 Emergency Department coverage as well as extensive outpatient services in its Ambulatory Care Centre. HHCC is also a proud partner in the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team. Visit our website <a href="https://www.headwatershealth.ca">www.headwatershealth.ca</a> and our Foundation website <a href="https://www.hhcfoundation.com">www.hhcfoundation.com</a>

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