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**MPP GHAMARI ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENTS TO OSGOODE CARE
CENTRE IN CARLETON**

Investments will help provide care, comfort and safety to residents

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Carleton — MPP Goldie Ghamari announced that the Ontario government is investing \$176,548 in one-time combined federal-provincial funding to improve and make upgrades to Osgoode Care Centre in Carleton. It's part of a \$100 million investment to install heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems, and make retrofits or repairs to fire sprinkler systems, in 95 long-term care homes across the province. These investments will help provide care, comfort and safety to residents.

“This investment will benefit many of the most vulnerable people in our community, providing them with the comfortable and safe living spaces they deserve,” said MPP Ghamari. “Our government puts the safety and well-being of long-term care residents at the heart of everything we do.”

The Township of Osgoode Care Centre, in the City of Ottawa, will receive up to \$176,548 to:

- Install additional A/C units to improve air quality and cooling throughout the home.
- This will improve air quality, air filtration and exercise infection prevention and control.

“Our Government is reversing decades of neglect and underfunding by repairing and rebuilding long-term care in Ontario like never before,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. “Today’s investment in homes across the province is another part of our government’s plan to ensure our loved ones live in comfort and with the safety, dignity and respect they deserve.”

This funding is part of a combined federal-provincial investment of up to \$1.05 billion to build or renovate health and safety related projects in long-term care, education and municipalities through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

In addition to helping communities build the necessary infrastructure to keep Ontario’s long-term care residents, families and staff comfortable and safe, this investment will create hundreds of local construction jobs, and support local businesses and suppliers.



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QUICK FACTS

- This is part of the Government of Ontario's Long-Term Care Modernization Plan
- In the 2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy, the province set aside a total of \$246 million to improve living conditions in long-term care homes, including ensuring residents have air conditioning.
- Ontario is investing \$2.68 billion for the delivery of 30,000 new spaces over ten years. The province now has 20,257 new and 15,918 redevelopment spaces in the development pipeline.
- Ontario has committed to an average of four hours of direct care per day for our loved ones living in long-term care homes and is the first province in Canada to take this important step.

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