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Minister Announces Mobile Cancer Radiation Unit for PRHC *Hospital applauds Minister Matthews' announcement*

Peterborough, ON: Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) President and CEO Ken Tremblay welcomed today's news that PRHC will be home to a new mobile cancer radiation unit.

Minister of Health and Long-term Care Deb Matthews came to Peterborough to make the announcement this afternoon in front of hospital staff, physicians and community leaders.

"This radiation facility will greatly expand our cancer care capacity, and bring care closer to home for the residents of our region," said Ken Tremblay. "We look forward to working with our partners in cancer care to treat up to 400 patients per year – many of whom would have previously had to travel to receive this potentially life-saving treatment."

The PRHC Foundation has launched its [Closer to Care](#) campaign to raise support for increased cancer services in Peterborough. Foundation CEO Julie Davis was on-hand with community members from the Campaign's cabinet for the Minister's announcement.

Also in attendance for the Minister's visit were Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal; PRHC Board Chair Barb Cameron; Dr. Peter McLaughlin, Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer of PRHC; Dr. Peter Dixon, Regional vice-president of Cancer Services for Lakeridge Health Corporation and Cancer Care Ontario (CCO); and Michael Sherar, CEO of Cancer Care Ontario. The Central East Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) was represented by Board Chair Foster Loucks, and Senior Director Paul Barker.

"We are grateful for today's announcement, and for the confidence entrusted to the leadership of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre as we deliver on our fiscal recovery and improved performance," said Tremblay. "We would like to express our sincere thanks to Jeff Leal for his ongoing support, the CE LHIN, CCO, and this government's investment, as we deliver on our regional mandate."

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