Construction of new Groves Hospital underway, Arnott tells Legislature

(Queens Park) – On the very first day of the Fall Sitting of the Ontario Legislature, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott rose in the House to update MPPs on the progress of the new Groves Memorial Community Hospital.

“On August 9th, we gathered to officially turn the ground on our new Groves Memorial Community Hospital in the Township of Centre Wellington,” Mr. Arnott told MPPs.

The planning process of this hospital was approximately fifteen years in the making, he added.

“The beginning of the construction of our new hospital is the culmination of an extraordinary community effort. We have worked together, building the future of primary health care for our residents, and I believe that our efforts are a shining example of innovation, collaboration and partnership,” Mr. Arnott pointed out.

The veteran MPP also acknowledged and thanked those who have worked tirelessly in making this new hospital a reality.

“I want to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues in local Government: successive Councils and Staff of the Township of Centre Wellington, and Councils and Staff of the County of Wellington, for their vision and leadership,” Mr. Arnott continued. “But our deepest expression of gratitude must be extended to the Groves Hospital staff and volunteers, the Board, the Foundation, our donors, and indeed, the entire community, everyone in the Hospital's catchment area, for their hard work, patience, persistence and generosity.”

The new hospital is expected to be completed in about two years.

(Attached: Text of Mr. Arnott’s Statement in the Ontario Legislature)

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Ted Arnott: It is a distinct privilege to rise in this House on this first day of the Fall Sitting, after a busy and productive summer season in Wellington-Halton Hills.

Like most Members of this House, in recent months I have had countless meetings and also, I had the opportunity to attend numerous community events and celebrations in our Riding.

One of those events was approximately fifteen years in the making.

On August 9th, we gathered to officially turn the ground on our new Groves Memorial Community Hospital in the Township of Centre Wellington.

The beginning of the construction of our new hospital is the culmination of an extraordinary community effort.

We have worked together, building the future of primary health care for our residents, and I believe that our efforts are a shining example of innovation, collaboration and partnership.

Once again, I want to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues in local Government: successive Councils and Staff of the Township of Centre Wellington, and Councils and Staff of the County of Wellington, for their vision and leadership.

We acknowledge the Government of Ontario, and thank the staff of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Infrastructure Ontario, and the Waterloo-Wellington LHIN.

But our deepest expression of gratitude must be extended to the Groves Hospital staff and volunteers, the Board, the Foundation, our donors, and indeed, the entire community, everyone in the Hospital’s catchment area, for their hard work, patience, persistence and generosity.

I was glad to work with them over the years, and support them every step of the way.

We look forward to the day, now about two years away, when our new hospital is completed, and our community finally has the new, modern, state-of-the-art hospital,

That we have earned.