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**MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS MODERN EMERGENCY CARE IN PORT
COLBORNE**

Government Approving Renovation of ER At Port Colborne General Hospital Site

PORT COLBORNE – The McGuinty government is improving access to emergency services in the Port Colborne area by approving a \$400,000 renovation of the emergency department at Niagara Health System’s Port Colborne General Hospital site, Deputy Premier and Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman announced today.

“Our government is committed to lowering wait times in emergency rooms because Ontarians deserve faster access to care,” Smitherman said. “This new state-of-the-art emergency department will help provide this improved care to Port Colborne area residents.”

The renovated emergency department will feature a new nursing triage area, improvements to the patient waiting area, better security features and infection control improvements.

“We’re excited to be moving forward with this important upgrade of our Emergency Department at the Port Colborne General Site,” said Debbie Sevenpifer, president and CEO of the Niagara Health System. “A modernized ER will be a better functioning ER to serve the needs of our patients.”

“Our government is making sure that Port Colborne area residents have the best possible access to hospital emergency care,” said Kim Craitor, MPP for Niagara Falls.

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