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South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Announces New Funding for Lennox and Addington County General Hospital

Belleville, Ontario (October 1, 2010) - South East Board Chair Georgina Thompson and CEO Paul Huras today announced Ministry of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC) funding of \$1,246,300 for Lennox and Addington County General Hospital in Napanee.

The funds are provided under the Ministry's Post Construction Operating Plan (PCOP) program to support costs related to the expansion of Emergency Room, Medical/Surgical, and Cardiac Clinic services at the hospital.

"I'm pleased to confirm this funding for Lennox and Addington hospital," said SELHIN Board Chair Georgina Thompson, "and gratified that it will give this important regional medical centre the additional flexibility and the support they need to continue to provide high-quality health care for residents of their community."

"This funding is consistent with the overall South East LHIN approach to provide hospitals in our region with the resources they need to achieve and maintain their performance goals," said SELHIN CEO Paul Huras.

The funding announced today is part of an ongoing commitment from MOHLTC and the SELHIN to review and adjust PCOP funding levels based on the hospital's evolving experience in serving residents and patients.

Quotes:

"We are extremely pleased with today's announcement. This allocation represents the second of three installments that we have received. With that, we plan on opening more of our newly developed patient beds." - Wayne Coveyduck, Executive Director- Lennox and Addington County General Hospital

"This funding will help Lennox and Addington County General Hospital in their continuing dedication and commitment to the quality patient care services they provide." – Randy Hillier, MPP- Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington