



The Ottawa Valley Family Health Team Carleton Place celebrates its grand opening, expanding team-based primary care

January 23, 2026 – Local politicians and community partners joined the Ottawa Valley Family Health Team (OVFHT) and the Carleton Place/Beckwith Physician Group to celebrate the grand opening of OVFHT Carleton Place—a significant milestone that expands OVFHT's team-based primary care to serve the Carleton Place and Beckwith communities, in addition to Mississippi Mills.

The new clinic brings together 15 Carleton Place and Beckwith physicians from five local clinics to practice under one roof, delivering team-based primary care with the support of the OVFHT's interdisciplinary team.

“The expansion of the Ottawa Valley Family Health Team into Carleton Place speaks to the priority this government has placed on our health care system and improving the quality and access to healthcare,” says John Jordan, MPP for Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston. “When physicians, nurse practitioners, and other specialists work as a team, under one roof, patients receive more coordinated, accessible, and timely care, close to home.

“The Ministry of Health is expanding team-based care across the province to ensure all Ontarians have access to primary care. I thank the OVFHT Board and staff for their commitment to moving this expansion forward.”

The OVFHT expansion is supported by approximately \$1.2 million in new annual funding from the provincial government, and a combined \$1.7 million in funding over ten years from the Township of Beckwith and the Town of Carleton Place.

“The clinic at the Health Hub reflects a collaborative partnership between the Town of Carleton Place, the Township of Beckwith, our local physicians, and the OVFHT,” says Toby Randell, Mayor, Town of Carleton Place. “By working together, we are supporting a model of care that helps doctors serve residents effectively while strengthening the foundation of local healthcare long term.

“This initiative is an important step in preparing for future physician needs in our growing community. It signals a shared commitment among the town, current and future doctors, and our citizens to plan responsibly, support primary care, and ensure Carleton Place remains an attractive place to practice, live, and receive care.”

Richard Kidd, Reeve, Township of Beckwith, shares, “Beckwith is pleased to be part of Dr. Fullerton and the team’s vision of the Ottawa Valley Family Health Team, and we believe

that this new facility and health care model will retain and attract new doctors to our communities.”

OVFHT Carleton Place’s 15 physicians, one Nurse Practitioner, and 27 staff provide team-based primary care to approximately 17,000 rostered patients, ensuring access to their primary care provider as well as to interdisciplinary healthcare professionals who support needs such as chronic disease management. The team began welcoming patients to the new OVFHT Carleton Place location in October 2025, delivering an average of 3,600 monthly patient visits.

“After four years of contributions, great and small, from so many wonderful people, Ottawa Valley Family Health Team Carleton Place is open! We are excited to embark on the first step of this journey in providing collaborative, interprofessional care for the people of our area,” says Dr. Jamie Fullerton, Carleton Place Physician Lead

Dr. Darrell Vandenbrink, Board Chair, OVFHT, adds, “I am excited to see the family physicians of Carleton Place and Beckwith gather under one roof. This is a great opportunity to build a cohesive interdisciplinary team, which will provide coordinated services to patients within their health home. We know this team-based model of care leads to better outcomes and a better experience for patients.”

OVFHT Carleton Place will help attract new primary care providers to the community. The OVFHT is actively working to recruit new physicians and secure funding to support additional healthcare professionals with the goal of welcoming more patients to the new clinic.

“As a local employer and proud healthcare supporter, I know firsthand how urgently our community needs this clinic,” explains Keith Bean, donor to the Carleton Place/Beckwith Physician Group. “My mother worked as Director of Nursing at the Ottawa Heart Institute, and our family always understood the importance of having accessible, high-quality care close to home. By bringing physicians together under one roof, supported by the Family Health Team, they can focus on what matters most: caring for patients. This collaborative model not only improves care but will also help our community attract the new physicians we need.”

OVFHT Carleton Place is located on the 14,500-square-foot second floor of the Carleton Place Regional Health Hub, a facility developed by M+H Properties Group.

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