

## Backgrounder

### About the Southwest York Region Collaboration Agreement

In October of 2009, York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care signed a collaboration agreement to bring much needed additional hospital facilities and services to Southwest York Region. The agreement outlined a process by which a new hospital board would be created to provide ongoing stewardship for York Central Hospital and to plan new hospital facilities in Vaughan. Shortly afterwards the province, through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, announced \$7,000,000 in funding to support the development of a planning submission to create a major regional health centre with hospital sites in both Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

#### About York Central Hospital

[www.yorkcentral.on.ca](http://www.yorkcentral.on.ca) - Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (472 beds) located in Richmond Hill providing Emergency, Inpatient, Ambulatory, Continuing and Long-Term Care services to a community of over 500,000 residents in Southwest York Region. Last summer the hospital completed Phase One of its major expansion and renovation project, significantly expanding its treatment facilities and inpatient beds. In addition to the services it provides locally, York Central Hospital is the District Stroke Centre for York Region and is home to a number of regional services including: the York Region Chronic Kidney Disease Program, York Region Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault Care Centre, and the York/Simcoe Behaviour Management and Autism Programs.

#### About the Vaughan Health Campus of Care:

[www.vaughanhealthcare.com](http://www.vaughanhealthcare.com) - The Vaughan Health Campus of Care is a not-for-profit organization established to ensure that new health services in the Vaughan community are coordinated, aimed at a common vision of integration, innovation and excellence in health services delivery and patient care. The Vaughan Health Campus of Care is responsible for the strategic establishment and coordination of health care services to serve the needs of the Vaughan community.