

Rouge Valley Health System Board disappointed with decision to break up local hospital system

April 28, 2016 – The Board of Directors of Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) today announced that it is disappointed with the Minister’s decision to split its two hospital campuses: Rouge Valley Centenary (RVC) in Scarborough, and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering (RVAP) in west Durham.

Today, the Minister of Health announced that he was proceeding with the Scarborough/West Durham Panel recommendation to split the two Rouge Valley campuses. The RVAP campus will be joined with Lakeridge Health. The RVC campus, and The Scarborough Hospital General and Birchmount campuses will be amalgamated under a new governance structure.

“Our patients and their families remain our top priority,” says Fred Clifford, Chair of the RVHS Board of Directors. “While this is a very disappointing outcome, our Board and leadership team remain committed to delivering the highest quality of care to our patients.”

“I want to assure our staff, physicians, and volunteers that our commitment to them has not diminished,” says Clifford. “We will do everything we can to support them during this time of transition.”

The RVC and RVAP hospital campuses remain open for business. Services will continue, and operations will be maintained.

Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) – *Together—the best at what we do*

Rouge Valley Health System is an excellent acute care community hospital with many programs, including 24/7/365 emergency, advanced (level 2C) maternal and neonatal care in a state-of-the art birthing centre, extensive specialized paediatric services, surgery, cancer care, mental health and regional cardiac care. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, Rouge Valley consists of several health-care sites, including two community hospital campuses: Rouge Valley Centenary in Scarborough; and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering in west Durham. Together, a team of physicians, nurses and many other professionals care for a broad spectrum of patient health conditions. Working in consultation and partnership with community members, other hospitals, health-care organizations, the Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Rouge Valley continues to improve its programs and cater to the needs of the growing communities of Scarborough, Pickering, Seaton, Ajax and Whitby.

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