

## 'Exciting' day as Trillium opens new wing

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*Trillium Board of Directors' chair D. Scott Campbell, left, shares a laugh with Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care David Caplan, Trillium Health Centre Foundation Board of Directors' chair Kim Warburton, Trillium president and CEO Janet Davidson and Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion as the group cuts the ribbon to officially open the hospital's new inpatient wing.*

May 8, 2009 01:12 PM - Trillium Health Centre celebrated a major milestone today with the official opening of its \$100-million, 190-bed inpatient wing.

"Opening the new wing is the major element in the total redevelopment and reorganization of both Trillium's Mississauga and West Toronto locations," said Trillium president and CEO Janet Davidson. "The redevelopment of this location gives our staff a new patient-centred environment in which to care for and support our patients and their families."

Ontario Health Minister David Caplan was on hand to help officially open the new six-floor building, which was designed with the comfort and practical needs of both patients and nurses in mind. Each floor has three, 12-bed clusters that operate through one care station.

"This is an exciting day for everyone at Trillium Health Centre," said Caplan. "This expanded centre is helping ensure people in this community have increased access to high-quality care in an innovative, patient-friendly environment."

The new wing is barrier-free throughout. There are wheelchair-accessible washrooms and showers in each room. All patient rooms have large windows for natural light and more space for family and visitors.

Furthermore, half the rooms are private, and beds in the semi-private rooms are angled at 45 degrees with screens to enhance privacy while providing a direct view to the exterior for every patient.

The move into the new wing began in February. It will be completed in phases. As the move is made, vacated spaces in the existing section of the hospital will be refurbished and units reorganized to better serve patients and improve work processes for staff.

The sixth floor of the wing houses medical oncology, the fifth medical respiratory, the fourth rehabilitation, the third cardiac care, the second cardiac care surgery, and the first orthopedics. The lower floor has a gymnasium and meeting rooms for staff functions.

Construction, which began in June 2007, is expected to be completed "on budget and on time" by this fall, hospital officials said.