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Brampton, ONTARIO – December 31, 2007:

Today The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, announced the appointment of Ken White as Supervisor for William Osler Health Centre. The Minister indicated that the appointment was made in order to restore public confidence in the health centre.

Ken White is the former CEO of Mississauga Trillium Health Centre. Around this same time last year, the Minister had appointed Mr. White as an investigator for William Osler Health Centre to help guide the organization through the opening of Brampton Civic. In this new supervisor role, Mr. White will now have the authority to make operational decisions.

The Minister acknowledged that both William Osler Health Centre's Brampton Civic and Etobicoke General Hospitals "are good hospitals" and cited their positive showing in the recently released *Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR)* study. In addition, he praised the work of the Board of Directors and staff at the hospital while making commitments to restore community confidence, to ensure that staff feels valued and to help create a positive environment where staff and physicians will want to work.

In response to the announcement, Mr. White's first remarks were to congratulate the staff and physicians at WOHC for the successful opening of Brampton Civic Hospital. He noted that "Nothing great is built by one person or a few," and that he "has great confidence in the people at William Osler Health Centre" to meet the challenges ahead. Mr. White also indicated that he looks forward to working with the Board of Directors, the staff and the community to meet the objectives that have been outlined by the Minister.

The appointment is expected to last from six to nine months or beyond. More information on the role of the supervisor will be shared over the coming weeks.

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About Brampton Civic Hospital

On Monday October 29, 2007, Brampton Civic Hospital opened wide its doors to provide a full range of services to the public, including some new services to help patients be treated closer to home.

Brampton Civic Hospital is an open accessible, public hospital. It provides the community with a modern facility, advanced medical equipment and a comprehensive range of health services. This new facility offers increased capacity, providing improved access to safe and high quality health services for our community's growing population. Brampton Civic has more inpatient beds, improved clinical programs for adults and children and many new services such as a critical care response team and cardiac catheterization suite. Enhanced services include cancer and heart care, as well as regional centres for dialysis and paediatrics.

Brampton Civic Hospital is located at 2100 Bovaird Drive East, approximately 3 km east of Hwy 410 at the northeast corner of Bramalea Road and Bovaird Drive East.

About William Osler Health Centre

William Osler Health Centre has approximately 730 beds and a health care team of over 3,700 staff, 700 physicians and 900 volunteers. As a regional referral centre, Osler provides programs and services to nearly one million area residents. Our facilities offer acute and ancillary health care in the growing and diverse communities of Etobicoke and Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

William Osler Health Centre has grown with the opening of the newest facility – the 1.3 million square foot Brampton Civic Hospital - on October 28, 2007. Major renovations to the Etobicoke General Hospital and redevelopment of the Peel Memorial Hospital are also planned. For more information or updates please visit www.williamoslerhc.on.ca.