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His Worship Shaun Collier
Mayor
Town of Ajax
65 Harwood Avenue South
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Dear Mayor Collier:

The Offices of Minister Jones and Associate Minister Tibollo have forwarded your letter to me regarding the development of an EmPATH unit at Ontario Shores. We apologize for the delay in our response to your letter.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all Ontarians is a key priority for the government. That is why Ontario launched Roadmap to Wellness, the province's plan to build a modern, world-class mental health and addictions system. Between 2019-20 and 2021-22 the government flowed \$525 million in new base funding under Roadmap to Wellness.

I am confirming that the Ministry of Health has received a proposal for the Headstart Psychiatric Emergency Service and Ambulatory Care Building Project from Ontario Shores, including a psychiatric emergency department based on the Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) model. We appreciate your patience as we continue to review and consider the proposal.

We will continue to work with the hospital and Ontario Health to address local mental health and addictions needs.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Sincerely,



Kyle MacIntyre
Assistant Deputy Minister
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