

Letter to the Editor - December 11, 2014

Prior to private public partnerships (P3), Ontario hospitals provided care in dilapidated buildings in need of repair or replacement. Projects were either stalled or refused due to a lack of ministry funding. Runnymede Healthcare Centre (RHC) faced years of uncertainty, closures and delays.

In 2009, RHC went from a 1908 building into a new, state-of-the-art facility. In partnership with the Health Ministry, Infrastructure Ontario and Bondfield Construction (under the P3 model), the new hospital was ready on budget and ahead of schedule.

The P3 process eliminated years of uncertainty, delays and cost overruns of the past. If not for the P3 process, most new hospitals would not have been built but rather been left holding approval letters with no funding to match.

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