

# Concordia

## crowding cured

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Approval for the construction of a major addition and some renovations to accommodate an expansion of the emergency and outpatients departments of Concordia Hospital has been granted.

In making the announcement, health minister Larry Desjardins explained that the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,419,000, resulting also in 9,680 days of employment.

"Construction is proceeding immediately," added Sig Enns, executive director of the hospital in a telephone interview.

Enns noted that the construction will relieve the crowded conditions which now

are experienced in emergency and outpatients.

"For instance, last year alone 34,000 people went through those departments, and for each of the past five years the number has been over 30,000. Originally the space was designed to accommodate less than half that volume," the executive director stated.

Smith Carter Partners Architects provided design services for the project and Central Canadian Structures has been awarded the tender for construction.

Construction is to be completed within a year.