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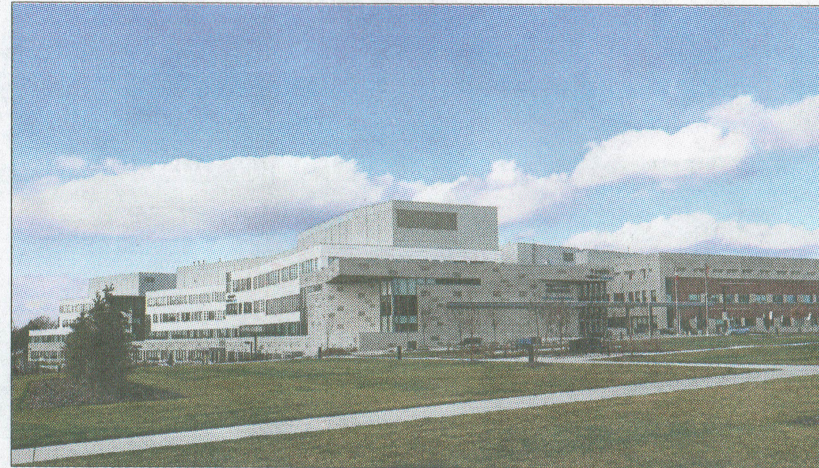
POWERING YOUR HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL ROOF

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's West 5th Campus is renting out its roof to house solar panels. The psychiatric hospital is leasing the space to QPA Solar Inc. — a Hamilton-based solar development company which is installing a 500-kilowatt power generating system. The City of Hamilton issued a \$1.32-million construction permit for the project in December. Work is expected to begin in March and wrap up by July, said QPA president Marjan Stosic. QPA is also installing solar panels at St. Joseph's Healthcare's King Campus. Together the two campuses will have about 3,000 panels that will generate enough power for

about 103 homes, Stosic said.

OTHER PROJECTS:

Institutional building permits issued in January include one for \$1.17 million for the Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto's new church on Mead Avenue in Hamilton. Another permit, valued at \$8.8 million, was issued for the construction of McMaster University's Gerald Hatch Centre for Engineering Experiential Learning. Work on the 24,000-square-foot centre began last fall and is expected to wrap up early next year.



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