

May 23, 2019

To: The Hon. Christine Elliott – Deputy Premier/Minister of Health  
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

From: Mr. Karl Straky Sr.  
LaSalle, ON,

Cc: Percy Hatfield  
MPP Windsor – Tecumseh

Re: The Windsor-Essex Hospital Systems Plan

**The Hon. Christine Elliott**

I am writing this letter as a follow up to our brief meeting on September 17, 2018 at the PC Caucus event in Chatham, where we first met and discussed in some detail the status for our W/E Hospital Systems plan and the urgent need for keeping our project moving forward, and my February 6, 2019 letter to you reintroducing myself and outlining in more detail my focus and involvement for getting our W/E the Hospital system plan built, asking for your support for moving our project forward in the process.

A similar letter was sent to the Hon. Premier Doug Ford that he responded to deferring my letter to you and your Ministry for follow-up on February 12<sup>th</sup>. (listed below).

As a supporter for the new Windsor-Essex Hospital Systems plan and founder of a proactive group of independent and non-partisan local citizens, we have been working diligently since 2016, with local, regional and provincial healthcare professionals and MPP's, Rick, Taras and Percy, soliciting support and guidance in an effort to help move our hospital systems plan forward in the process.

Our immediate goal is the reconfirmation and commitment for Stage 2/3 status and for the RFQ's to be filed by early 2021.

Over the past few months, our Group held a series of working meetings with the local hospital planning groups, with whom we have a good relationship, where we reviewed the Agnew Peckham Master plan for the new W/E Hospital Systems Plan in detail and where we listed a series of questions and talking points to better understand the current events and interworking of the process for getting the plan moved to the next stage.

The outcome of these discussions were constructive, however incomplete. There are many open issues related to the coordination of several key components for the overall systems plan along with a significant review of the existing WRH Ouellette Campus, all of which appears to be impacting decisions for moving the overall program forward.

Our involvement is not to question the overall design or operating plans for the new system, there are enough experts working on these issues, however it is our role as a community based organization, to ask questions related to the process timing for completion to assure ourselves that our project is important and is being worked on and moving forward in a timely manner.

Based on our recent involvements, and the circumstances as described above and the uncertainty on where things stand, we are requesting a 30 minute meeting with yourself &/or key members of your

Ministry who are directly involved with our project to go over these open issues to help us better understand where our project is in the process.

If this is an unconventional request, perhaps you could have your senior Ministry personnel attend a meeting to update MPP's Nicholls, Hatfield, Natyshak, Gretzky and myself on the status of the project.

I know similar update meetings were held with the Windsor-Essex MPPs when Minister Hoskins had carriage of the file. I've asked Percy to hand deliver this letter to assure it was brought to your immediate attention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in these matters and I await your early response.

Regards:

*Karl P. Straky Sr.*  
Citizens for Healthcare

Inclusions:

- February 6, 2019 letter - attached
- February 12, 2019 response

----- Original Message -----

From: Doug Ford <premier@premier.gov.on.ca>  
To: "karlstraky@sympatico.ca" <karlstraky@sympatico.ca>  
Date: February 12, 2019 at 9:27 AM  
Subject: An email from the Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Straky:

Thanks for your letter about hospital planning in Windsor. I appreciate hearing your views and concerns.

As the issue you raised falls in the area of responsibility of the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, I've sent a copy of your letter to her. Minister Elliott or a ministry staff member will respond to you as soon as possible.

Thanks again for contacting me.

Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Christine Elliott