

Campaign Post – February 24, 2021

To: Our Campaign Supporters, Community Friends & Associates

***Show your support for the new  
Windsor-Essex Hospitals System  
Now delayed by an additional eight years  
With no new hospital in sight before 2030***

With the upcoming 2021 Ontario Budget scheduled to be announced late March, our Windsor-Essex hospital project is **still not** on the active list for receiving any funding.

- In June 2018 our new provincial government put our project on hold and listed it as being inactive with no expectation for future government funding.
- Your Citizens for Healthcare Team has been working directly with the Ministry of Finance and other organizations during the past 3 ½ years and by invitation we have participated in the last three 2020/2021 Ontario MOF Budget deliberation meetings held during the past year.
- We presented strong arguments in support of hospital funding for Stages 2/3 planning to keep our project moving forward working in conjunction with other local Healthcare groups and government officials.
- At the January 29, 2021 MOF Budget Consultation Presentation Hearing we requested in writing.

*“The Ontario Government in this 2021 Budget to include and release funding for the new Windsor-Essex Hospitals Systems plan, in the sum of \$10M for Stages 2 & 3 planning, for the work to immediately restart with completion of all related work within a 2 year period.”*

**Plans for our new Hospitals system remains in a State of Crisis**

- The Capital Planning process for our new hospital started in 2012
- In December 2017, the previous governments Health Minister approved funding for our new hospital, 7 months prior to the June 2018 provincial election.
- No funding was made available during that time period.
- In the June 2018 election the current government won the election and put our project on hold.
- Now some 3 ½ years later, nothing has changed, and with no funding from the previous Liberal government and with our project being put on hold by the current Conservative government, we are being faced with the same situation as occurred in late 2017. No Action!
- With the next upcoming provincial election in June 2022, we want to avoid being treated the same, with “big announcements and with no follow through.”

- The previous government failed us, so how is this current Government, with our friendly 800 lb Gorilla Premier Doug Ford going to treat us?

August 14, 2020 in the Windsor Star....

**Premier says "he'll be '800-pound gorilla'  
fighting for new Windsor hospital"**

What this current government needs to know, **if we get stiffed again** with no solid new hospital funding and if we have to wait until the next budget in 2022, "this will make them no different than the previous government."

*"So the timing is now or truly never" for our Premier Ford to act and make the right decision for our Windsor-Essex Region."*

***What to do about it?? – Here's our Call to Action!***

- In support of our campaign, each and everyone of you needs to compose and send a strong brief personal email message to Premier Ford, telling him why he needs to approve funding in this 2021 budget to get our Windsor-Essex Hospital system moving again and to get it built.
- Address it to "Premier Doug Ford "
- Title it "Do the right thing for Windsor-Essex, and come through for us "
- Send to: (all 3 addresses)
  - [doug.ford@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.ford@pc.ola.org) - [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)
  - [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)
- With cc copy to - [info@citizensforhealthcare.com](mailto:info@citizensforhealthcare.com)

**On behalf of your Citizens for Healthcare Team**

We sincerely thank our Campaign supporters for your continued **support** since 2016! Who would have thought we would still be at Stage 1-B of a 5 stage process for getting our new Hospitals System built. This speaks volumes as to how inefficient our Governments are.

The dreadful effect of the Covid19 Pandemic has highlighted the significant physical limitations of our very outdated healthcare system and with Windsor-Essex as one of Ontario's listed COVID Red Hot districts, further emphasizes the immediate need for action to get our new Windsor-Essex Hospitals system built.

During this next week we will be launching our new comprehensive Citizens for Healthcare Website in preparation for the upcoming 2021 Ontario Budget announcements.

**Stay Safe, Be Well, Best Regards**



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