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## **New Public Peterborough Hospital Opening Sunday: OHC Report Shows Costs Dramatically Lower than P3 Hospitals**

PETERBOROUGH- As the patients move into the brand new public Peterborough Hospital on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> a new Ontario Health Coalition report shows that it was completed at a fraction of the cost of the Private-Public Partnership (P3) Brampton William Osler Hospital and the P3 North Bay General Hospital. The report, "Cost Comparison Analysis of P3 Projects Versus Public Hospital" raises serious questions about the extraordinary cost of the privatized P3 hospitals and can be found at the OHC website at [www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca](http://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca).

The Peterborough hospital was the last public project to be approved before the P3 program was introduced. The Brampton hospital was the first P3 hospital to be completed. Both were started under the Conservative government and completed under the McGuinty Liberal government. The North Bay hospital is the first P3 completed entirely under the McGuinty government; its high costs clearly demonstrating that the Brampton cost over-runs were no aberration.

The cost comparison shows that the P3 hospitals are extraordinarily more expensive than the public Peterborough hospital project. The main findings of the report are:

- The price per bed (construction costs/number of final beds) for Peterborough's public hospital is between \$ .05 million and more than \$ 2 million less per bed than the P3 hospitals commissioned at the same time and completed in a similar time frame.
- The public Peterborough hospital has 80% as many beds as the Brampton P3 hospital but cost only 30% of the costs of the P3 hospital, in construction costs alone. If we include the service and interest costs the difference becomes even greater.
- The public Peterborough hospital has significantly more beds than the P3 North Bay hospital but was significantly cheaper: Peterborough Hospital has 127% of the bed capacity of the North Bay P3 Hospital but was only 35.8% of the costs.

	<b>William Osler Health Centre (P3)</b>	<b>North Bay General Hospital (P3)</b>	<b>Peterborough Hospital (Public)</b>
Timeline	November 30, 2001- October 2007	January 19, 2007 (winning bidder named)	June 20, 2000- June 8, 2008
Construction costs	\$650 million	\$551 million (unclear if this cost includes equipment)	\$197 million
Total Costs w/equipment + plus privatization of services (including interest)	Approximately \$900 million including equipment; \$3+Billion with service contracts and interest	\$1.05 billion (includes interest and services, unclear if this cost includes equipment)	\$286 million (including equipment, there is no service privatization deal included since this is a public hospital not a P3)
Beds upon opening	479	n/a	400
Total beds	608	388	494
Cost per total bed (construction costs)	\$1,069,078.95	\$1,430,412.17	\$398,785.43
Total costs per bed w/equipment, interest and privatization of services included	\$1,480,263.16 (from \$900 million figure)	\$2,706,185.57	\$558,704.45

“The government’s own figures reveal such a significant cost difference between the public and the privatized hospitals that it cannot be ignored. How could the government continue to pursue a privatized P3 hospital policy that is costing half-a-million to two million dollars more *per bed*?” said Natalie Mehra, Director of the Ontario Health Coalition.”The people of Peterborough should be extremely pleased that they are not saddled with the tax increases and losses of services that the towns with privatized P3 hospitals are forced to endure. With this report we are reiterating our demand for a moratorium on the privatized P3 hospitals pending a full, independent and transparent audit of all of the deals to date.”

Roy Brady, of the Peterborough Health Coalition said “Using the government’s own numbers we have found that the Peterborough public hospital – commissioned and built in the same time frame as two P3 hospitals – but was a fraction of the cost of the privatized hospital projects. The government should use the public Peterborough hospital model across the province and stop the privatization of hospital development projects.”

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