

## **MIDLAND UPDATES**

**June 5, 2008.**

Greetings Midland contacts,

We can win the fight to keep hospital democracy in Midland and Penetanguishene.

We can make a difference now!

- All out to attend the town hall meeting **Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.** at the North Simcoe Recreation Centre
- We all need to get as many petitions signed this weekend as possible as North Simcoe MPP Garfield Dunlop will be reading the petitions into the Legislature on Monday at 11:45 a.m.

Here's how to get the signed petitions to the Coalition:

- ✓ Bring signed petitions to the Mountainview Mall (near the doors to the Galaxy Theatre) at **5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday June 6** and join Natalie Mehra and other volunteers in leafleting the parking lot for a ½ hour
- ✓ Call Vern Edwards at 705-538-0833 for pickup this weekend, or
- ✓ Drop the signed petitions in Vern's rural mailbox at 1756 Sandhill Road, Waubaushene by 6 p.m. Sunday

**This is critically important. We need to get a few thousand signatures by Monday!!!**

Does anyone want to come to the legislature on Monday?

This is what is happening:

10:45 a.m. – Question Period

11:45 a.m. – Petitions read into Legislature

1 p.m. – Press conference inside Queen's Park calling for democratic hospitals

If you want to come, please email us back by Friday noon.

Thank you so much for all the terrific work.

This is one we are going to win!

**May 30**

To All Contacts in Midland and Penetanguishene:

I just spoke to the Health Minister's staff, they confirmed that the supervisor's report had been received by the Minister but it has not been adopted. They were not aware of the implications of the

recommendation regarding an appointed board and were not aware that people are being denied the right to renew their memberships. I let them know that it would be unprecedented for a Minister to intervene to wipe out a democratic hospital board process and 2000 + memberships. They are going to make inquiries into the matter and will be getting back to us. In the meantime all plans should move forward - we need the maximum number of petitions possible by Tuesday to be read into the legislature and we need the maximum number of people possible to attend the public meeting on **Wednesday, June 11 at 7 pm** at the North Simcoe Recreation Centre. I have also been in touch with the lawyers and anticipate that we will have the legal opinion early next week.

Warm regards,

Natalie Mehra, Director  
Ontario Health Coalition

## **May 30**

Hello Everyone,

Important message and updates on the attack on the communities democratic rights!

### **WE NEED PETITION SIGNATURES BY TUESDAY**

We have only a few days before the legislature rises to get signatures on petitions calling for the protection of the community's democratic rights. The hospital supervisor's recommendation would wipe out the democratic governance of the hospital if the Minister approves it - this petition is a direct response to this anti-democratic stance. The Ontario Legislature is rising on June 5th so we need as many signatures as possible on the attached petition by Tuesday June 3rd. You can fax your petitions to us at 416-441-4073. We can continue to take petitions all summer, but now is a crucial time to get them in. PLEASE pass this petition along and gather signatures this weekend.

### **SAVE THE DATE- SPREAD THE WORD**

Participants at the May 27th town hall meeting have called another Town Hall/Emergency Update on Wednesday June 11 at 7:00pm at the North Simcoe Recreation Centre in Midland - 527 Len Self Boulevard. At this meeting we will present the legal opinion we are currently seeking around the hospital's attempt to deny memberships to the public (and eliminate democratic governance). We will be sending out a poster soon to promote the event.

Also - We know that people are being turned down for membership renewals but we are still encouraging as many people as possible to try and renew their memberships.

Sincerely,

Ontario Health Coalition  
Southern Georgian Bay Health Coalition