


YES!

a new Hospital
for St. Catharines.
Build it right!

Let's keep our new hospital 100% public

Vote June 25th!

**We can keep our
hospital public –
if we act now!**

Vote on June 25th

On June 25th, there will be a community-wide vote to keep our hospital public. All residents are encouraged to join in.

Put up a lawn sign - 905-688-3929

Help out with the campaign - volunteers are always welcome

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Niagara Health Coalition 905-688-3929

A non-profit, non-partisan citizens' group committed to protecting & extending our universal, one-tier public health system.

Since the beginning of Medicare in Canada, all our hospitals have been non-profit.
It's one of the things that makes our health care system better than the US system.

Premier Dalton McGuinty on privatized P3 hospitals before winning the election

"We believe in public ownership and public financing. I will take these hospitals and bring them inside the public sector."
– Ottawa Citizen, May 28, 2003

"I'm calling on Mr. Eves to halt any contract signings when it comes to P3s in the province of Ontario. I stand against the Americanization of our hospitals."
– Globe and Mail, September 26, 2003

Since the election, Premier McGuinty has broken his promise to stop the Conservatives' "Public Private Partnership" (P3) hospital deals in Brampton and Ottawa. This spring, the government announced that up to 23 new hospitals will be privatized.

What is a Privatized P3 hospital?

Highway 407 is an example of a P3. The private company that runs the road for profit has increased tolls by up to 350%!

P3 stands for "Public Private Partnership" – a new term for privatization. For-profit corporations build a new hospital and rent or mortgage it back to the community hospital board for 30 to 60 years. The corporations are allowed to privatize the services, management and lands of the hospital and sell them back to the public at a profit. Privatized services include cleaning, maintenance, labs, moving of patients, disinfection, security, patient records etc. The deals are secret, meaning that the public who pays for the hospital cannot access the details of the contract....

The public pays for the hospital but its services are run for profit instead of as a non-profit public service.

Privatized P3 hospitals:

Why do patients want to stop them?

The number of publicly covered services shrinks while profit-seekers increase user fees. The high costs of the for-profit companies suck money out of clinical budgets. In Britain privatized P3 hospitals have 11% fewer doctors and 14% fewer nurses.

Why do nurses, doctors and hospital workers want to stop them?

The drive for profits takes money away from providing staff and beds and moves it into the bank accounts of private companies.

Who is pushing for them?

Banks, financiers, for-profit health corporations and private developers want privatized P3 hospital because they stand to make a fortune from public money and user fees.



to new Hospitals. Build them right!

Privatized P3 hospitals are much more expensive than publicly built hospitals, have 20% fewer beds and provide fewer services. Hugh Mackenzie, an economist, estimates that the Brampton privatized P3 hospital will cost the public \$174 million more as a privatized P3 hospital than if we built it publicly.

Let's build our new hospitals – but let's make sure they are publicly owned, operated and financed – a proven method that's less expensive and more accountable.