

A non-profit, non-partisan citizens' group committed to protecting our universal, one-tier public health system.
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On November 19th, there will be a community-wide vote to keep our hospital public. All residents are encouraged to join in.

Vote on November 19th

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



YES! a new Hospital
for North Bay.
Build it right!



Let's keep our new hospital 100% public

Vote November 19th

Premier Dalton McGuinty Keep Your Promise

"We believe in public ownership and public financing. I will take these hospitals and bring them inside the public sector."

– Premier McGuinty 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."

– Premier McGuinty Globe and Mail, September 26, 2003

Since the election, Premier McGuinty has signed 2 privatized hospital deals in Brampton and Ottawa, and he has announced his intention to privatize - through P3s - 14 more hospitals or hospital projects.

What does North Bay's privatized P3 hospital mean for us?

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 40 years**.

The **public pays for the hospital but it is run for profit** instead of as a non-profit public service.

The corporations **privatize** the hospital services, including maintenance management and hospital lands, and sell them back to the public at a profit. Companies make money through service charges, high premiums, privatizing the public lands, and other business deals in the hospital.

Mr. McGuinty is trying to hide his P3 privatization by renaming it "Alternative Financing Mechanism" AFM or AFP. The commercial part of the deals are **secret**. Because the hospital becomes a commercial venture, the deals are considered "proprietary information" and hidden from public scrutiny. This means that the public who pays for the hospital **cannot find out the details of the financial arrangements**.

The plan for North Bay's hospital would mean a hospital that is **more deeply privatized for a longer term than ever**, since the beginning of public Medicare in Ontario.

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 our new Hospital. Build it right!

Privatized P3 hospitals are much more expensive than publicly built hospitals. The Brampton P3 hospital, signed by the McGuinty government, is \$174 million more expensive than if it were built publicly, money that should be going to patient care not corporate profits. This is enough to buy every MRI scanner needed across Canada.

Let's build our hospitals – but let's make sure they are publicly owned, publicly operated and

