## HELP SAVE UXBRIDGE HOSPITAL

## What's at stake?

Money to keep our Emergency Room doctors will run out in a few months. Many in our community fear that if we lose our Emergency, our hospital will close soon after, likely after the October 10 provincial election. But smaller communities shouldn't lose out as health services are restructured.

Small hospitals across Ontario are threatened as the government moves to regionalize health care services. **We need a clear commitment** from the provincial government to build vibrant small hospitals providing a range of services, including fully staffed Emergency Rooms. The provincial government has thrown the future of small hospitals into doubt, so only they can provide **a long-term solution**.

We need a firm, clear commitment from the Liberal government—before the October 10<sup>th</sup> election—that small hospitals, like Uxbridge, will remain open for emergency, acute and community healthcare services. Uxbridge Hospital should remain a **fully functional** community-based hospital.

Our community fought for a full range of health services and we can win this fight too!

## What you can do

1. Contact George Smitherman, Minister of Health & Long-term Care. Tell him to find a long-term solution:

Phone: 416-327-4300, Fax 416-326-1571 Email: gsmitherman.mpp@liberal.ola.org Mail to: The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, 80 Grosvenor Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block, Toronto, ON, M7A 2C4

- 2. Make this threat to our community's hospital a major election issue for the October 10 provincial election. Do all the candidates pledge to secure long-term adequate funding for our hospital?
- **3. Sign and circulate the petition and keep organizing in the community!** Go to www. ontariohealthcoalition.ca to download. Keep the pressure on!

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