

Take Back Our Hospitals

S/E Ontario Rally

Friday November 13, 12 p.m. Centennial Park, Trenton

Buses will be traveling in from the whole region. For more info on buses email us at ohc@sympatico.ca.

Active citizens have succeeded in stopping cuts all across Ontario. Let's bring a strong message to our region's senior MPP, Lou Rinaldi in his constituency in Trenton asking him to bring it back to his caucus in the Liberal government: Ontarians insist that hospital cuts stop.

The health planning body for Southeastern Ontario is planning a major restructuring of all the hospitals from Perth/Smiths Falls to Brockville to Trenton and every town in between. They plan to cut services from local communities and centralize them into fewer towns. Patients will have to drive further for care and services across the region will be reduced. Emergency and urgent care, acute care beds, surgeries, MRIs and CTs, laboratories and more will be impacted.



Trenton The Trenton Memorial Hospital is threatened with the most devastating hospital cuts in the region, if we don't stop them. It is slated to lose virtually all surgery and at least half of the remaining acute care beds. This after years of devastating cuts.

Perth/Smiths Falls After devastating cuts a few years ago, Perth & Smiths Falls face another round of cuts and service losses if we don't stop them.

Kingston The Kingston Hospital is already in "Code Gridlock" for months at a time – this means the hospital is full, there are patients on stretchers and the ER is overflowing. Yet the plan is to cut services across the region, forcing more patients to travel to Kingston's already overstretched hospital.

Brockville Brockville has been hit with two rounds of cuts already this year and is threatened with more.

Picton Picton's hospital has been eviscerated by rounds of cuts, losing virtually all services and left with only a shell of it's former self. As services continue to be cut in Quinte, Prince Edward County residents face further hardships in accessing care. The government has still not approved the promised new hospital.

Lindsay In 2012, cataract volumes were cut by 25%, but chronic underfunding has meant that yet again, the Ross Memorial Hospital will see a further 25% cut to operating room time for cataracts. This in spite of a growing number of patients needing surgery.

Northumberland After very significant cuts in 2011 and more in 2014 the hospital is facing another round of cuts this year if we don't stop them.

Minden The Hospital CEO has speculated openly about closing down the hospital, including emergency departments, acute care beds, and hospital services.