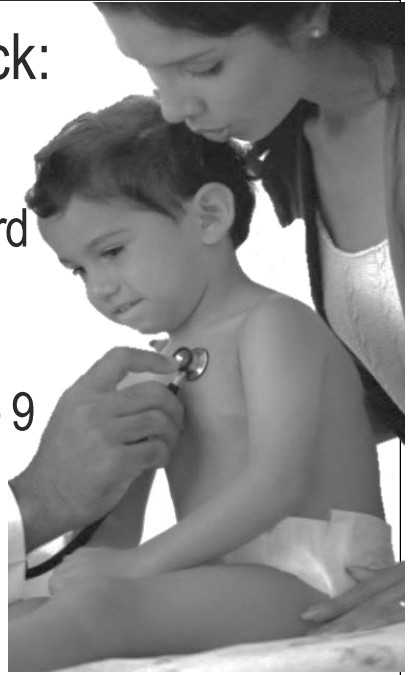


HOSPITAL SERVICE CUTS

are underway at the Stratford Hospital

On the Chopping Block:

- The plan would close fully 16% of beds at the Stratford Hospital.
- The proposed cuts include 9 rehabilitation beds, 13 chronic care beds and 3 surgical beds.



YOU CAN HELP SAVE OUR HOSPITAL SERVICES

Stratford and Area
Concerned Citizens
647-537-4357

For Stratford patients: more travel, longer waits, care further from home.

The proposed cuts at the Stratford Hospital are deep. Often our beds are already all full and waits for home and long-term care are already excessive. The proposed cuts would mean:

- A backlog of people waiting in the emergency department and more pressure to discharge patients quicker and sicker.
- More re-admissions and patient suffering as patients are transferred to hospital sites where beds are available – outside of their community.
- Members of families may be dispersed to different sites across the HPHA to receive health care services.
- Patients may be transferred multiple times between sites in Stratford, St. Marys, Clinton and Seaforth.
- There may no longer be the care you need in the town where you live.

**Billions of dollars are being cut
from the health care that you
and your family count on.**

Ontarians are paying the price for years of the deepest tax cuts in the country for corporations and the wealthiest, by curtailing health funding by \$3 billion.

That is billions in real dollar cutbacks over the last 5 years – and for years to come we don't stop them.

Ontario Has Lowest Hospital Funding in Canada

Ontario Public Hospital Spending Per Person 2012 (Current \$) Compared to Other Provinces

Newfoundland	\$ 2,519
Alberta	\$ 2,194
New Brunswick	\$ 1,962
Manitoba	\$ 1,843
PEI	\$ 1,831
Saskatchewan	\$ 1,784
Nova Scotia	\$ 1,762
British Columbia	\$ 1,557
Quebec	\$ 1,381
Ontario	\$ 1,372
Avg. other Prov's	\$ 1,870
Difference Ontario vs. Other Provinces	\$ 498 less per person x 13,529,000 Ontario population = \$6.7 billion less

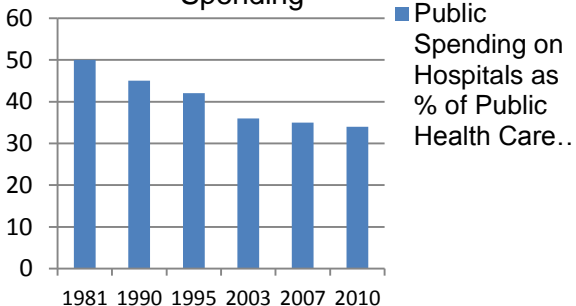
Ontario 8th of 10 Provinces in Overall Health Funding

Ontario Public Health Care Spending Per Person 2012 (Current \$) Compared to Other Provinces

Newfoundland	\$ 5,399
Saskatchewan	\$ 4,952
Alberta	\$ 4,896
Manitoba	\$ 4,816
PEI	\$ 4,663
Nova Scotia	\$ 4,463
New Brunswick	\$ 4,377
Ontario	\$ 3,963
British Columbia	\$ 3,937
Quebec	\$ 3,792
Average Other Prov's	\$ 4,588
Difference Ontario vs. Other Provinces	\$ 635 less per person x 13,529,000 Ontario population = \$8.6 billion less

Source for health/hospital expenditures per province: the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), National Health Expenditures Database, 2012.

Hospital Funding is Shrinking as % of Ontario's Health Care Spending



Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance, Provincial Budgets 1982, 1990, 1995, 2003,

Ontario is one of the richest provinces in Canada.

By every measure, most or all other provinces do better than Ontario in funding hospitals, health care and other services. There is no reason that we can't too. It isn't about money. It's about paying for corporate tax cuts.

FACT

The service cuts proposed at the Stratford Hospital will hurt patients.

If the current plan goes ahead, Stratford's Hospital will lose 22 beds. The proposed cuts include 9 rehabilitation beds and 13 complex continuing care beds. This amounts to 16% of all hospital beds.

These cuts will have a serious impact on access to health care and will cause suffering as patients are transferred across sites of the HPHA.

The cuts would mean longer wait times for surgeries and the emergency department, fewer care staff, & more pressure for patients to be discharged from the hospital sicker and quicker.

The cuts have gone too far. The Ontario government must fund Ontario's hospitals adequately. Our local hospital should make the case to protect our services, not cut them.

We Can Save Our Services

- ✓ Join the campaign to Save Our Services
Call the Stratford and Area Concerned Citizens 647-537-4357
- ✓ Help distribute postcards in your neighbourhood
- ✓ Contact Health Minister Eric Hoskins and tell him to stop the cuts to our hospitals:

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You can also send a copy to our local MPP Randy Pettapiece at randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org

Send a copy to Ontario's Premier Kathleen Wynne at kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org

