

# Ontario Health Coalition

## Democratic Public Hearings on Small, Rural and Northern Hospitals

### Bring Your Concerns & Recommendations

- What are your concerns about your local hospital services?
- What role does your hospital play in your local health system, your community, your life and the lives of your family?
- What gaps in service are you experiencing?
- What ideas and recommendations do you have for the future of your local hospital?

### Your Input Matters

Your input, your concerns and ideas will form a report that will be delivered to the Minister of Health and the Premier. Your key issues will be brought into the Legislature in Question Period. The final report will be released to the media across Ontario.

### Public Hearings Schedule

<b>Wallaceburg</b>	Thursday, March 4, 3 - 6:30 pm, Oaks Inn, 80 McNaughton Ave.
<b>Shelburne</b>	Friday, March 5, 3 - 6:30 pm, Grace Tipling Hall, 203 Main St. E.
<b>Kincardine</b>	Saturday, March 6, 12 - 3:30 pm, The Davidson Centre, 601 Durham St.
<b>Welland</b>	Tuesday, March 9, 3 - 6:30 pm, Lion's Club, 414 River Rd.
<b>Cobourg</b>	Wednesday, March 10, 3 - 6:30 pm, Lions Club, 157 Elgin St. E.
<b>Port Perry</b>	Thursday, March 11, 3 - 6:30 pm Greenback Centennial Hall, 19965 Hwy 12
<b>Haliburton</b>	Friday, March 12, 3 - 6:30 pm, Minden Arena, 55 Parkside Ave.
<b>Burk's Falls</b>	Saturday, March 13, 12 - 3:30 pm, Arena, 220 Centre St.
<b>Winchester</b>	Tuesday, March 23, 3 - 6:30 pm, Chesterville Community Hall, 1 Mill St., Chesterville.
<b>Picton</b>	Wednesday, March 24, 5 - 8:30 pm, Town Hall, 72 King St.
<b>St. Joseph Island</b>	Friday, March 26, 3 - 6:30 pm, Johnson Township Arena, 1 Johnson Dr., Desbarats
<b>New Liskeard</b>	Saturday, March 27, 1 - 4:30 pm, Quality Inn, 998009 Hwy 11.

## You Are Invited to write a submission or make an oral presentation

If you want to book a spot to make a presentation (5 mins), please contact us as soon as possible and leave us your phone number(s), the town at which you would like to present, and any preferred times. Deadlines to book presentations: for Wallaceburg, Shelburne & Kincardine - 5 pm, Friday, February 26. For Welland, Cobourg, Port Perry, Haliburton and Burk's Falls 5 pm Monday, March 1. For Winchester, Picton, St. Joseph Island and New Liskeard 5 pm Monday March 15. For written submissions, please send them in by the date of the local hearing nearest you.

### Panelists



**Dr. Claudette Chase** Dr. Chase, from northwestern Ontario, has spent most of her 15 years as a family physician serving remote First Nations communities and working in small rural hospitals. She worked as an outpost nurse for 5 years before starting a medical career. She was on the founding executive for Canadian Doctors for Medicare and was president of the Ontario College of Physicians in 2003.



**Honourable Roger Gallaway** Mr. Gallaway holds a BA from the University of Western Ontario and an LLB from the University of Windsor. He practiced law before entering political life, initially as Mayor of Point Edward (1991) and subsequently as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton in 1993. He was re-elected in 1997, 2000 and 2004. He served as a Committee Chair in the House of Commons, a Parliamentary Secretary and was made a Queen's Privy Councillor by the Governor-General in 2003. He now teaches and does foreign development at Sarnia's Lambton College.



**France Gelinas, MPP Nickel Belt** Ms. Gelinas is the NDP Member of Provincial Parliament responsible for Health and Long Term Care, Health Promotion, Autism and Francophone Affairs. She is a licensed physiotherapist and practiced in Sudbury at Laurentian Hospital, now part of Sudbury Regional Hospital. After graduation from Laurentian University with a Masters in Business Administration she worked as the Executive Director of the Community Health Centre in Sudbury. She has served as a member of the United Way's Citizen Advisory Panel, President of the Sudbury and Manitoulin District Health Council, President of the Francophone Reference Group of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and President of the Association of Ontario Health Centres.



**Dr. Tim Macdonald** Dr. Macdonald came to Ontario Canada in 1968 as a decorated serviceman and surgeon from Glasgow, Scotland. His commitment to the armed forces continued in Canada, until he retired from his successful military career in 1994. Dr. Macdonald currently helps to run the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart E.R in Petrolia, and in the past has served as president for the Lambton County Medical Society, District 1 Representative of OMA, Coroner for the Province of Ontario, and the former Chief of Staff of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital.



**Natalie Mehra** Ms. Mehra is the director of the Ontario Health Coalition where she has served for the last ten years. Prior to this she worked for five years as the executive director of the Epilepsy Association in Kingston, Brockville and area. She is the author of numerous reports on health policy, non-profit governance, disability issues and human rights. She has served as a board member for a number of disability, arts, housing, women's, crisis and anti-poverty organizations. She currently serves on the Board of the Canadian Health Coalition, dedicated to protecting and improving universal public health care in Canada.



**Barb Proctor** Ms. Proctor has been a practicing registered nurse serving in administrative and mentor roles in Ontario hospitals for over 4 decades. She has worked in small, rural hospitals and larger urban facilities. She recently completed her nursing career as a visiting nurse delivering care to residents in her own community who were recovering from illness or surgery. She is the chair of the Friends of Prince Edward County Health Services, the appointed chair of the Municipal Healthcare Advisory Committee for Prince Edward County and recently appointed Municipal Advisor to the Board of Directors of Quinte Healthcare Corporation.



**Kay Tod** Ms. Tod is a retired nurse, serving in a variety of rural and larger hospitals throughout her career. She helped to fundraise, develop and build the Whitestone Nursing Station and presented to the Romanow Commission on nurse practitioners and nursing stations. She has served as the past president and founder of Emergency Nurses of Niagara; an executive member of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario; past president of the Ontario Nurses' Association local 32. Her extensive community involvement includes the Board of Management, Eastholme Home for the Aged in East Parry Sound; Grant Review Team, Ontario Trillium Foundation; District of Parry Sound Employment Services; Magnetawan Agricultural Society; Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee; Algonquin Health Services; Almaguin Health Centre and many others. She is the Warden at the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Emsdale and is the founder of the Friends of the Burk's Falls and District Health Centre.