

WE CAN'T "BEAR" TO LOSE MEDICARE TOUR

The giant teddy bear is 7-feet tall and 4 1/2 foot-wide: a much-loved and friendly prop to help educate our communities about the threat of *health care privatization*. Private for-profit clinics are trying to take over services from our local public non-profit hospitals. They charge user fees amounting to hundreds or even thousands of dollars for diagnostic tests and surgeries, in violation of Canada's medicare laws. The private clinics have even launched a court challenge to bring down the laws that protect patients from such user fees. The slogan is **We Can't "Bear" to Lose Medicare** - is a warning about the threat posed by privatization. We will be holding a media conference in each community and we will have information leaflets available to the public. We will raise funds along the way to cover the cost of the tour and to help the B.C. Health Coalition intervene in the legal challenge brought by the private clinics. All are welcome to join.

Please come out and help spread the word!

Hamilton

May 30, 12 p.m. Corner of King & James downtown.

Ottawa

June 5, 10:30 a.m. Byward Market, S/W corner of George & William Sts.

Cornwall

June 5, 2:30 p.m. N/E corner of Pitt and Second Sts.

Brockville

June 6, 9:30 a.m. Outside City Hall King & Market Sts.

Kingston

June 6, 12:00 p.m. Outside LaSalle Mews, Princess St. (Outside MP Sophie Kiwala's office).

Cobourg

June 6, 7:00 p.m. Northumberland Mall at the N. end of parking lot on the grass (public land 1111 Elgin St.)

Peterborough

June 7, 10:00 a.m. Downtown farmer's market, Charlotte St. between George and Aylmer St. N.

Oshawa

June 7, 3 p.m. Park across from hospital, 1 Hospital Ct.

Brampton

June 8, 12 p.m. In front of Town Hall, 2 Wellington St.



Kitchener

June 8, 3:30 p.m. In front of City Hall, 200 King St.

Windsor

June 9, 10:30 a.m. outside City Hall, 400 City Hall Sq.

Chatham

June 9, 2:30 p.m. King St and the 5th St Bridge.

Wallaceburg

June 10, 10:00 a.m. Fountain Park at intersection of Dufferin Ave., James St and McNaughton Bridge.

Sarnia

June 10, 1:00 p.m. Waterfront Park, by the bridge.

St. Marys

June 11, 10:30 a.m. Outside Town Hall, 184 Queen St. E.

Stratford

June 11, 1:30 p.m. Upper Queen's Park by the Festival Theatre.

Woodstock

June 11, 4:30 p.m. Outside City Hall Dundas & Reeve Sts.

St. Catharines

June 12, 10:30 a.m. Old Court House Parkette at 101 King St (corner of James & King Sts).

Fort Erie

June 12, 2:00 p.m. Douglas Park across Douglas Memorial Hospital - 230 Bertie St.

Thunder Bay

June 14, 1:00 p.m. - City Hall - 500 Donald St E.