

July 2008

Hon. Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Main Legislative Building,
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. McGuinty:

I am writing today to express my concern about the reported one year delay in the construction of the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Can you please explain to me why Oakville residents are not entitled to receive the same access to health care services as other Ontarians?

Mr. Premier, you must co-ordinate with Minister of Health David Caplan and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman as the Ministers directly responsible for ensuring that Oakville residents receive the same access to health care that is available to all Ontarians.

As you know the Town of Oakville has been mandated to grow under the provincial 'Places To Grow' legislation. Our current hospital was built to service a population of 130,000 people and now serves more than 170,000 people. The new hospital has been slated for completion in 2012, when Oakville's population is projected to be 187,500.

The provincial government is responsible for providing adequate health services. In Oakville it is failing.

Premier McGuinty you must instruct your Ministers to do the right thing and fulfill their responsibilities by not backsliding on the promised completion date and at the very least maintaining the current scheduled opening date of our new hospital in Oakville.

Sincerely,

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