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Chudleigh continues fight for improved health care

Halton MPP demands movement on hospitals in Oakville, Milton

(Queen's Park - February 26, 2009) Today PC MPP Ted Chudleigh (Halton) once again demanded action on both the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and expansion on the Milton District Hospital.

Chudleigh first asked about the delay in Oakville, pressing Minister of Health David Caplan to begin the Request for Qualifications process. In his response, the Minister said that other projects were exhausting the construction capacity of the province.

"This Liberal government loves to brag about all the hospitals its building, but there's nothing to brag about in Halton," said Chudleigh afterwards. "Why is Halton on the backburner? Why would they ignore the needs of Canada's fastest growing communities?"

Chudleigh did say that he is "cautiously optimistic" that his messaging is getting through to the Minister and the Premier.

"They hear me alright," said Chudleigh. "Persistence is the key to success with the McGuinty Liberals. If they feel enough heat, they'll cave."

Chudleigh also asked Caplan about the proposed expansion in Milton. The hospital submitted a design plan in September 2008 that has yet to be approved. Before stating the obvious, that no decision has been made, Caplan attacked Chudleigh's record while in government.

"Minister Caplan said we didn't lift a finger to improve healthcare in Halton but that's simply not true," said Chudleigh. "Between 2001 and 2003 we took several steps to initiate the process of building and expanding, but after the Liberals were elected, those plans were scrapped. If they had been carried over, those hospitals would probably be functioning by now."

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To view a video of the question period exchange please visit:

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