

Letter to the editor:

Healthcare in West Durham is under siege.

Healthcare in Ontario has become a highly politicized subject. And in any political forum, deals may be struck, expedience observed and allies rewarded while the greater good, expert advice and common sense can go unheeded.

For many years now, healthcare services in West Durham have languished as we were relegated to secondary importance within the Rouge Valley Health System.

Now, our healthcare is threatened with many more years of marginalization as Ajax/Pickering Hospital is about to be swallowed up in a hostile takeover by Lakeridge Health.

Despite an open, straightforward, professional process that recommended equal status for West Durham, Lakeridge Health and the Ministry of Health have instead chosen their own reasons to ignore expert advice, evade fairness and diminish the welfare of those living in West Durham.

I am told that this is a fait accompli; that by protesting I am simply butting my head against a wall.

Maybe, but if I won't take a stand for the well-being of my family, my friends and my loved ones, who should I take a stand for?

I am attending the rally in support of adequate local healthcare on October 6th at the Ajax Community Centre at 7:00PM.

Please join me.