

PETITION

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS In early April 2015, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, created the Scarborough/West Durham Panel to develop a plan for how acute healthcare programs and services should be configured to better meet the needs of residents in Scarborough and West Durham.

WHEREAS Over a six month period, the eight member panel, composed of senior healthcare leaders and two community representatives, conducted extensive stakeholder engagement including more than forty consultations, nine focus groups, surveys, two town hall meetings and six site visits, and review capacity plan information, as a basis for developing a recommended path forward.

WHEREAS The Scarborough/West Durham Panel submitted their report to Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health & Long Term Care on October 30th, 2015 and the report was released to the public on December 18th, 2015.

WHEREAS The report recommended a reconfiguration of the sites of the existing hospital corporations of Scarborough and Durham in support of two regional health care systems; a Scarborough Health Corporation (new corporation that would include TSH - Birchmount, TSH – General and RVHS – Centenary site) and a new Durham Health Corporation (new corporation that would include the current Ajax Pickering Site of the RVHS and the existing sites of Lakeridge Health).

WHEREAS The Minister has decided unilaterally, without consultation of the stakeholders involved, to change the recommendation of creating a new Durham Health Corporation to authorizing Lakeridge Health to take over and operate the Ajax Pickering site of RVHS.

WHEREAS The Minister’s decision, to allow Scarborough residents to form a new Scarborough Health Corporation yet deny Durham residents the same capability to form a new Durham Health Corporation, is blatantly inequitable and unjust.

We the undersigned, concerned citizens of West Durham, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the initial recommendation of the Scarborough/Durham Panel be accepted, that a new Durham Health Corporation be formed that would include the current Ajax Pickering site of RVHS and the existing sites of Lakeridge Health.

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