

NEWS BULLETIN

Private Hospitals | MPP Rallies | Postcards to Premier Ford

Ford announces funding for private hospitals and private clinics.

We will fight hard to protect these health services

The Ford government has announced that it will fund private hospitals and private clinics to clear the backlog of medical procedures and surgeries caused by Covid.

Private hospitals have death rates 2% higher than public hospitals; in private clinics death rates are 8% higher.

We are strongly supporting the Ontario Health Coalition’s campaign against this plan, beginning with town hall meetings across the province in March and April. Full details: <https://bit.ly/ohc-plan-22>



CUPE Local 6341 President-elect Pam Parks (Lakeridge hospitals) speaks on February 22 at Queen’s Park

15,000 postcards demanding repeal of Bill 124 delivered to Premier Ford

In a rally Feb. 22, CUPE and SEIU brought 15,000 postcards signed by health care workers to the leaders of the NDP, Liberal and Green parties. Premier Ford was invited, but declined to attend. **Watch the video:**

<https://youtu.be/zxxa5Bq1cn8>

Bill 124 limits wage increases to 1% a year for 3 years. Inflation was 5.2% in 2021 and started 2022 at 5.7%. This means cuts to the spending power of our salaries of more than 4% a year. We are asking for the repeal of the Bill and the right to bargain wages at least equal to inflation.

Please attend the rally at the key Conservative MPPs closest to you in mid-March: see page 2.



MPP OFFICE RALLIES

ALL AREAS

These rallies are events in a joint bargaining campaign between CUPE and SEIU

MARCH 14 11:00 AM

Lisa MacLeod
250B Greenbank Rd., Nepean

MARCH 14 2:00 PM

Steve Clark
100 Strowger Blvd., Brockville

MARCH 15 11:00 AM

Prabmeet Sarkaria
7700 Hurontario St., Brampton

MARCH 15 2:00 PM

Deepak Anand
7895 Tranmere Dr., Mississauga

MARCH 16 11:00 AM

Jane McKenna
472 Brock Ave., Burlington

MARCH 16 2:00 PM

Parm Gill
400 Main St. E, Milton

MARCH 17 11:00 AM

Dave Smith
1123 Water St., Peterborough

MARCH 17 2:00 PM

David Piccini
117 Peter St., Port Hope

MARCH 18 11:00 AM

Peter Bethlenfalvy
1550 Kingston Rd., Pickering

MARCH 21 11:00 AM

Greg Rickford
300 McClellan Ave., Kenora

MARCH 22 11:00 AM

Randy Pettapiece
55 Lorne Ave. E, Stratford

MARCH 23 11:00 AM

Vic Fedeli
219 Main St. E, North Bay