



## **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**

### **CHAPTER 52 BRAMPTON ONTARIO**

**April 2022**

**To the Mayor and Members of Council**

**On April 3 2022, the Premier of Ontario announced that Osler Health system would receive \$21 Million dollars to complete the transformation of Peel Memorial Centre to a full-fledged hospital. We note that this is a campaign promise since there is no indication that the \$21 million dollars is part of the next provincial budget.**

**As one of the leading senior groups in Brampton, we support health dollars promised and the completion of Peel Memorial but we wonder at the financial breakdown in the Premier's speech. In that speech, the Premier promised \$5 million planning dollars for a Regional Cancer Centre, attached to Brampton Civic Hospital. It appears, that the \$5 million dollars comes on the heels of a recent motion by the official opposition to situate a regional cancer centre in Brampton. Notwithstanding the Premier's announcement and the Official opposition motion, there is no timeline nor budget inclusion, from either the government or the opposition. There is no date on when the regional cancer centre will be built or a commitment to actually build such a centre... and that is troublesome.**

**If we count the dollars directed at PMC, we know that \$18 million dollars was included in the 2021 provincial budget. Those dollars were included to plan the urgent care centre and 250 bed addition. The further \$18 million dollar, announced by the Premier, seems to double the amount for planning including a new emergency department. We know that Osler was in the midst of discussions with government agencies regarding the updates required to bring on a transformation to hospital status. Unless the \$36 million means something different in the minds of the provincial government, we don't see a commitment to actually transform Peel Memorial Centre into a functioning hospital.**

**It is difficult to understand the paucity of the provincial government intention, when Brampton's population has surpassed 700,000 people and the health needs, as we have learned through the Covid pandemic, were and are severely challenged. We believe that the timelines are not clear and the health needs are still unmet. We believe, that the 250-bed addition and the transformation of PMH**



**when it comes on line in 2026 or 2027, will still not serve this community adequately. By 2027, Brampton will have added 35,000 or more people.**

**We believe that we have been under served and many organizations have shown that belief to be a reality. We urge you to continue the battle for equal health funding. We believe that the provincial government, no matter what the stripe, views Brampton as invisible unless there is a fire, criminal activity or flood... and election. We urge you to liberate Brampton from this 'invisibility' and seek our fair share of funding for health facilities that we will need to face the future.**

**Sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Grycaj", is written over the typed name.

**Rose Marie Grycaj  
President  
Brampton CARP**