

**Centre francophone de santé communautaire de Mississauga
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Le 18 septembre 2007

Monsieur Dalton McGuinty, Premier ministre
Cabinet du Premier ministre
Édifice de l'Assemblée législative
Queen's Park
Toronto (Ontario) M7A 1A1

Monsieur le Premier ministre,

Au moment où vous terminez votre premier mandat comme Premier ministre de l'Ontario, les Francophones de Peel et Halton demeurent toujours sans services de santé communautaire en français.

La communauté francophone a suivi un long parcours dans ce dossier et fait appel à votre détermination pour respecter nos droits linguistiques.

- C'est en 1986, au moment de la promulgation de la *Loi sur les services en français* par le gouvernement libéral de l'époque, que la ville de Mississauga était désignée pour l'offre des services en français.
- Vingt ans plus tard, aucune agence ou institution de santé n'a été désignée dans Peel pour offrir des services en français.
- Les Francophones de Brampton, ville désignée sous la *Loi sur les services en français* en janvier 2007, ne veulent pas attendre une autre décennie, ni même une autre année avant que le gouvernement reconnaisse aussi leur droit à des services en français.

En dépit des nombreux efforts déployés par les Francophones depuis 1988, des demandes de financement successives pour un centre francophone de santé communautaire, des études, des lettres d'appui, le gouvernement demeure indifférent aux besoins de santé de plus de 21 000 Francophones de Peel et Halton.

Les députés de Mississauga, Brampton et Oakville appuient notre demande. Vous trouverez ci-joint leurs lettres d'appui.

Notre communauté grandit et se diversifie. Les Francophones de Mississauga, Brampton et des villes avoisinantes d'Oakville et Georgetown réclament un accès équitable à des services de santé de qualité en français.

Nous savons que la santé est une priorité pour votre gouvernement et que vous avez pris l'engagement de faire avancer les droits des Francophones.

Nous vous demandons d'engager les fonds nécessaires à la mise en place immédiate d'un centre francophone de santé communautaire dans notre région.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Premier ministre, nos cordiales salutations.

La présidente,



Carmen Gauthier

c.c. Honorable George Smitherman
Ministre de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée
Édifice Hepburn
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Honorable Madeleine Meilleur
Ministre déléguée aux Affaires francophones
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Linda Jeffrey, M.P.P.
Brampton - Centre

March 8, 2007

Honourable George Smitherman, MPP
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor – Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Smitherman:

I would like to bring an issue to your attention concerning the French-speaking residents of my riding.

In February of this year we had a reception in City Hall marking the official coming into force of Brampton's designation under the *French Language Services Act*. The designation of Brampton reflects a recent but growing trend in Central Ontario, that is, the Francophone population is growing quickly.

Unfortunately there is no French-language institution offering primary health care in French within my Region. I understand our government has an obligation to ensure that, where the numbers warrant and where designations have been made under the *French Language Services Act*, French-language services should be made available.

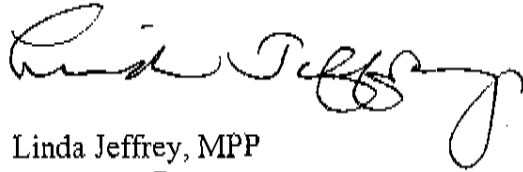
The Centre francophone de santé communautaire de Mississauga (CFSCM) has previously approached the Ministry's Community Health Branch for funding, most recently this past fall. They are interested in working with the Ministry to designate a Community Health Care satellite in the Malton area. This proposed satellite centre would service residents in my riding as well as others in the area.

The Francophone community has worked hard to put in place a strong proposal with partners who are willing to do the work necessary to offer primary health care in French within the Region. Minister, I support this request and would ask that you and your staff give serious consideration to this important issue.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Linda Jeffrey, MPP
Brampton Centre

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cc: Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, MPP
Carmen Gauthier, President, CFSCM
Mayor Susan Fennell
Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel
Vic Dhillon, MPP, Brampton-West Mississauga
Dr. Kuldip Kular, MPP, Bramalea-Gore-Malton-Springdale



Tim Peterson, M.P.P.

Mississauga South

March 23, 2007

The Hon. George Smitherman,
Minister of Health and Long Term Care
10th Floor – Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Smitherman:

I would like to bring an important issue to your attention for my riding and particularly the French-speaking residents of my riding.

My riding is in the Regional Municipality of Peel where two cities, Mississauga and Brampton, have been designated areas under the *French Language Services Act*.

Unfortunately, there is no French-language institution offering primary health care in French within the Region. This is in spite of the fact that the Francophones, through the Centre francophone de sante communautaire de Mississauga (CFSCM), have been requesting such an institution since 1988.

I believe our government has an obligation to ensure that, where the numbers warrant and where designations have been made under the *French Language Services Act*, French-language services are available.

More than a year has passed since the CFSCM has reapplied to your Ministry's Community Health Branch for funding for a Community Health Care (CHC) satellite in Mississauga of the Centre francophone de Toronto. This proposed satellite centre will serve residents in my riding as well as others in the area.

Minister, there simply is no other French-language primary health care institutions in our area. The Francophone population is growing quickly, and there is a need for these vital services.

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I am asking that serious consideration be given to this important issue and that you move quickly to approve funding for the CHC satellite in Mississauga.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Tim Peterson, MPP
Mississauga South

- C: Hon. Madeleine Meilleur
- ✓ Carmen Gauthier, President, CFSCM
- Premier Dalton McGuinty
- Mr. Peter Fonseca
- Hon. Harinder Takhar
- Mr. Bob Delaney
- Ms. Linda Jeffrey
- Mr. Vic Dhillon
- Mr. Kevin Flynn
- Dr. Kuldip Kular



Kevin Flynn, MPP
Oakville

May 1, 2007

The Honourable Minister George Smitherman
Minister of Health and Long Term Care
Suite M1-57, Macdonald Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1R3

Dear Minister Smitherman,

I would like to bring an important issue to your attention for my riding and particularly the French-speaking residents of my riding.

My riding is in the Regional Municipality of Halton. Unfortunately, there is no French-language institution offering primary health care in French within the Region. This is in spite of the fact that the Region's Francophones, through the Centre francophone de santé communautaire de Mississauga (CFSCM), have been requesting such an institution since 1988.

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The CFSCM has previously approached the Ministry's Community Health Branch for funding. They are interested in working with the Ministry to designate a Community Health Care satellite of the CHC Centre francophone de Toronto to serve Peel and Halton. This proposed satellite centre would service residents in my riding as well as others in the area.



Kevin Flynn, MPP
Oakville

Minister, I support this request and would ask that you and your staff give serious consideration to this important matter and move quickly to approve funding for this CHC satellite.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Flynn, MPP
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Vic Dhillon, MPP
Brampton West-Mississauga



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Mississauga West

April 4, 2007

Ms. Claire McCollough
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Regarding: *CHC Satellite in Mississauga*

Dear Ms. McCollough:

It was a pleasure meeting with you on March 16th, 2007 to discuss the issue of French-language health services in Peel Region. I thank you and your colleagues for taking the time as members of the *Centre francophone de santé de Mississauga* (CFSCM) to share your opinions on the need for a Community Health Centre (CHC) satellite in Mississauga of the Centre francophone de Toronto.

It is my understanding that your organization has also met with other Members of Provincial Parliament from Peel Region, including Dr. Kuldip Kular, the MPP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton-Springdale. His office has been in contact with CFSCM President Carmen Gauthier and is currently in the process of arranging a meeting with francophone policy advisers in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss the issue further. I, or a member of my staff, also plan to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

Bob Delaney
Member of Provincial Parliament
Mississauga West

The Mississauga MPPs have discussed this with Dr. Kular. Dr. Kular's role makes him a great spokesman for this issue. Your visit was very helpful