

Liberal MPPs must help build healthy Scarborough

To the editor:

Re: *Scarborough hospital boards to vote on merger next week, Community, Feb. 27.*

Your article on hospital mergers in Scarborough highlights clearly the mixed messages and delay tactics of local MPPs and Queen's Park when confronted by real pressure to be decisive and support the worthy cause of strong capital planning for the hospitals in Scarborough.

NONSENSE

"A key determinant in our success will be to continue to gain consensus," said the MPPs.

This is utter nonsense. "Governments don't just write cheques within days of a request".

Total obfuscation of the facts.

MPP Bas Balkissoon did not sign the "letter" - maybe

for good reasons?

The Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) directed the merger nearly one year ago, the hospital boards and administration have been informing government for many months with detailed plans, and the physicians and community are united in supporting a merger with proper capital planning.

STAND UP

All that's left is for the Liberal MPPs and Queen's Park to finally do the right thing and provide the capital planning grants (and not a pittance to silence the crowd) so our out-of-date and creaky hospitals can be fixed and/or replaced.

Will they finally stand up for Scarborough or slink away and gamble on their traditional support to get

re-elected down the road so they can then do nothing at all, again.

More than \$1 billion was awarded to Humber River Regional Hospital, \$622 million to Bridgepoint and \$26 million for Niagara Region for just capital planning grants.

POLITICAL TACTICS

It's time to build a healthy Scarborough.

Providing the community a strong foundation to re-build its community hospital is a job good governance embrace and such decision should not be held hostage to political tactics and intrigue.

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