



Unifor L 673 Retired Workers Report

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Sister Pinto and I representing the Unifor Toronto Area Retired Workers Council attended the Ontario Health Coalition Annual Assembly via zoom on Saturday and Sunday.

There were reports from many Regional OHC Councils so many reporting Hospital and Emergency closures in their areas. Waiting list for doctors, even in the GTA area. This is a horrific situation brought on by the actions of the Ford Government.

The OHC is nonpartisan and as such there were presentations by Bonnie Crombie (Lib) Mike Schreiner (Green Party) Marit Stiles (NDP) and Dr Adil Shamji (Lib Health Critic). There were excellent sessions, discussions and debates on the fightback against for-profit privatization of hospitals and healthcare and lessons learned. A briefing on what are the key health care issues and Ford's messaging. Conclusion Ford is expert at messaging and taking the focus off himself and putting it on Trump. We must change that.

After a discussion and debate a vote was taken that the action would be to focus our efforts on reminding the public of the catastrophic state our public health care system is in due to the actions of Ford and his cronies. I attach the flyer which the Ontario Health Coalition has compiled drawing to the actions taken by the Ford Government to bring our healthcare to its present state. I would ask that this flyer be distributed to all out Units and to as many people as possible. OHC is not asking people to vote for any party just to consider the havoc wreaked on so many fronts by the present government. I also attach information on his latest attempt to buy votes.

In closing I was sad to see such a poor Delegation of Unifor active workers, not only from our Local but from Unifor as a whole. There was a good delegation of Retirees both by zoom and in person. Public Healthcare is a right and affects all of us not just Seniors.

In solidarity

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