

Health City is Paving the Way to Health Care Reform in Limestone

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November 14, 2016 (Kingston, ON) - A group of local citizens, together with leaders in health care delivery, are busy planning a sensational event to provide people in Kingston the opportunity to speak up for meaningful healthcare reform in Ontario.

On November 22nd, thousands of people will gather at the Rogers K-Rock Centre for a free, first of its kind health care event, Health City. Health City will offer the community an opportunity to engage with health education booths, attend question and answer sessions with specialists, and listen to discussions and debates on critical issues facing our health care today. The event will also highlight the controversial Bill 41 - the so called "Patient's First" Act that is being fast-tracked through legislation without sufficient input from those on the front-line – and ask citizens to voice their opinions on the matter.

"I want the chance to let the government hear from the patient's perspective," says Bev Miller, a local resident who is concerned that proposed changes to health care will create more bureaucracy without solving the challenges for an aging population. "It's time we stand up for ourselves and have our voices heard".

According to Joy Hataley, a Kingston family physician, "We see some very concerning trends, such as increasing wait times, over-crowding of emergency rooms and patients who don't have a family doctor. These issues need to be raised; the more people who understand how these system problems affect their health, the more likely they will be able to affect change."

Kingston citizens should mark their calendars to attend Health City at the Rogers K-Rock Centre on November 22nd – doors will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., admission is free.

Not only will guests become informed, they will have the opportunity to sample nutritious food, listen to fabulous entertainment from Kingston's own Ambush, and get their flu shot – all organized under one roof to give people what they need, when they need it.

Visit the website www.healthcityontario.com, review the current facts and figures about health delivery, and respond to the survey to share what concerns you!

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