

Residents of Miramichi and surrounding area,

On May 15, 2015, Miramichi received what seemed like wonderful news; a 240 bed nursing home to replace our two current aged buildings.

When the initial excitement died down and the dust settled, we learned exactly what we would gain and sadly, what we stand to lose. We would gain a new building and lose a community "home". Two nursing homes are scheduled to close and the workers and families are united in their concern about what that means for our community's seniors.

Workers at the Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home and Miramichi Senior Citizens Home love providing the seniors they serve with the services they need and depend on. They share in the ups and downs of the people they work with so closely that they become a second family. That is why the staff of the two nursing homes scheduled to close are speaking out.

A new building could be a good thing for Miramichi: if it's done with the best interests of the community in mind. We must demand that our politicians ensure that current programs such as Meals on Wheels and Life Line will continue in the new building and that the staff will also remain in place under the current contract. This stability is the best way to serve the needs of our community.

A tough economy driven by job losses has hurt many in our community. We want to keep our community healthy with strong services. In this economy, we need to protect services to seniors, not reduce them.

We are concerned about the impacts of privatization on the community. Experience has shown that public private partnership – or P3 – can lead to increased costs and fewer services. These important health and community services should be publicly delivered, transparent and driven by the needs of the community, not by the desire to generate profit.

The time has come for Miramichiers to stand up to our elected officials and tell them we demand that our elected officials must act in the interests of all citizens and protect the services we rely on.

Please contact your local MLA, Bill Fraser; Lisa Harris or Minister Cathy Rogers to voice your displeasure with a P3 nursing home.

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No P3 Miramichi Senior Care is not for Profit

This message is brought to you by the members of CUPE Local 1256 Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home and CUPE Local 1277 Miramichi Senior Citizens Home.