

Make some noise

Canadian Champion Editorial

Yesterday Canadians celebrated all the things that make this country great.

One of those things is a universal health-care system, in which everyone has the same opportunity, regardless of their financial situation, to get the care they need.

But with massive population growth, it's becoming more and more difficult for people to access that care in this town.

And with word that construction of the new Oakville hospital has been delayed by a year, what will happen to the planned expansion of the already stretched Milton District Hospital?

We don't think it's an exaggeration to say the hospital is headed for a crisis. Just do the math. Even if Milton's expansion proceeds on schedule, the earliest completion date would be 2014. The town's population is expected to climb to more than 100,000 by then. Meanwhile, the hospital was built to serve a population of 30,000.

Halton's PC MPP Ted Chudleigh and Oakville's Liberal MPP Kevin Flynn are putting politics aside to fight for the hospitals in their communities.

But they can't do it alone. That's why we're calling on the Town of Milton and local residents to make a whole lot of noise to ensure the community's precious hospital isn't left behind any longer.

Lives could be at stake.