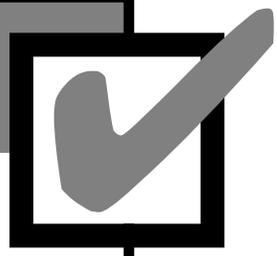


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for Health care in Fraser Health



Fraser Health hard hit by Campbell's cuts

Since 2001, the Campbell Liberals' cuts, closures and privatization agenda have severely compromised health care for patients and residents in British Columbia.

The Fraser Health Authority (FHA) shut-down 12 long-term care facilities, closed Saint Mary's Hospital in New Westminster, axed 457 acute care beds – more than any other health authority – eliminated 502 long-term care beds, and downsized or downgraded several of its health care facilities.

And more than 1,100 skilled, experienced health care workers from Hope to White Rock lost their jobs to the privatization of laundry, retail food, security and housekeeping services throughout the health authority.

The largest privatization deal saw 800 cleaning staff fired when a five-

year, \$77 million contract was handed over to a French-based corporation – Sodexo – who then hired fewer staff at about half the wage.

These privatized cleaners have heavier workloads, minimal benefits, no job security and inadequate training, placing them at increased risk for needlestick and other occupational injuries.

Over the past two years, growing concerns about hospital infection control and patient gridlock in emergency and acute care – in particular, at Surrey Memorial – eventually led to the firing of Fraser Health CEO Bob Smith.

And last spring, more than 6,000 front-line staff in the FHA took another blow when the BC Liberals imposed a collective agreement and a 15% wage rollback on the province's health care workers.

What about the rest of BC?

- 71 hospitals downgraded, downsized or closed
- 26 publicly-funded residential care homes closed
- 2,529 long-term care beds closed
- 1,279 acute care beds closed
- surgical wait lists growing
- 8,000 health care workers fired, mostly women
- home health support programs for seniors and people with disabilities 30% below national average
- and more...

Facilities Impacted

Acute Care

- Saint Mary's Hospital (New Westminster) - *closed*
- Burnaby Hospital - *downsized*
- Chilliwack General Hospital - *downsized*
- Delta Hospital - *downgraded and downsized*
- Eagle Ridge Hospital (Port Moody) - *downsized*
- Fraser Canyon Hospital (Hope) - *downsized*
- Langley Memorial Hospital - *downsized*
- Mission Memorial Hospital - *downgraded and downsized*
- Peace Arch Hospital (White Rock) - *downsized*
- Ridge Meadows Hospital (Maple Ridge) - *downsized*
- Royal Columbian Hospital (New Westminster) - *downsized*
- Surrey Memorial Hospital - *downsized*
- and more...

Long-term Care

Closures:

- Bel Air Resthome (White Rock)
- Bonnymuir Lodge Ltd. (Surrey)
- Cascades Extended Care Unit (Burnaby Hospital)
- Centennial Park Lodge (Surrey)
- Central Park Manor (Burnaby)
- Grand Vu Lodge (White Rock)
- Haney Intermediate Care Centre (Maple Ridge)
- Ladner Private Hospital (Delta)
- Parkholm Lodge (Chilliwack)
- Twin Cedars Lodge (Surrey)
- Vel Rey Lodge (Langley)

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