SAVE MEAFORD HOSPITAL

A message from the Meaford Medical Society;

Recently, Mr. Lance Thurston, CEO of Grey Bruce Regional Health Services announced the Potential closure of the Meaford Hospital Operating Room!

If this happens, Surgical Operations performed in Meaford, Wiarton, Southampton and Markdale will be done in Owen Sound and all equipment relating to surgery will be moved from the rural sites to Owen Sound Hospital.

Local residents of each community will be deprived of primary care close to their homes. The ability to recruit family physicians will be reduced and the impact on local jobs and economies will be devastating.

We the citizens do not believe the hospital administration has the mandate to remove fundamental rights of our residents to have basic primary health care close to home. Administration has no right to destroy our local economy nor to decrease our ability to recruit physicians to work at the local sites. Administration has shown a total disrespect for local residents' wishes on how local donations are to be used. This is a dangerous precedent. We the citizens of Meaford ask that you intervene on our behalf!

Please sign and send this message AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to any or all of the following:

MPP, Bill Walker bill.walkerco@pc.ola.org

MP Larry Miller larry.miller.c1@parl.gc.ca

Mayor Barb Clumpus <u>bclumpus@meaford.ca</u>

Or bring the signed copy to your doctor in Meaford.

NAME, SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS REQUIRED

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Date:_____

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