



## Your Local News

### **LHIN MEETING: THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL HEALTH CARE WAS UP FOR DEBATE AT KINGSTON CITY HALL ON THE WEEKEND.**

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AS PART OF A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM, THE LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK HELD A TOWN HALL MEETING.

((Hutchins))

THE GROUP THAT HOLDS THE HOSPITAL PURSE STRINGS WANTS TO DISCUSS WHAT THE PROVINCE IS DOING RIGHT... AND WHAT IT'S DOING WRONG IN HEALTH CARE.

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HURAS:

"THE BLACK AND WHITE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT.

ALSO, THE ADVICE FROM EXPERTS IS VERY IMPORTANT TOO.

BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY USE THE SYSTEM AND TELL US THE STORIES THEY'VE HAD OR FAMILY OR FRIENDS, PERSONAL STORIES.

IT HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SYSTEM BREAKS DOWN."

MORE THAN 5000 PEOPLE WERE SURVEYED AND FROM THAT LOCAL KINGSTONIANS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE LISTENED TO THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN THE SOUTH EAST.

35 PEOPLE ALSO MAKE UP A CITIZENS PANEL THAT WILL GO TO 15 COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA... GETTING LOCAL FEEDBACK.

HURAS:

"WE NEED TO BE EXPERTS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

I DON'T BELIEVE WE ARE YET BUT WE WILL BECOME EXPERTS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

WE WILL TRY THINGS AND WE WILL GET FEEDBACK THAT PEOPLE WILL SAY, 'THAT DIDN'T REALLY WORK.'

AND WE'LL GET OTHER FEEDBACK THAT SAYS, 'WELL, THIS PART DID WORK.'

AND WE'LL BUILD ON THAT."