HEALTH in the **Federal Election**: **Why** Should I **HOPE?**

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Role of the Federal Government . . .

Federal government policies and programs have had a significant impact on the health of Canadians in the past. Important issues are being discussed during this year's election which can really make a difference to our future!

Significant Federal Policies and Programs in the Past . . .

- In the past, the federal government established public Medicare, and passed the Canada Health Act to uphold national standards throughout Canada.
- In 1988, the Supreme Court struck down Canada's abortion law because it was infringing on a woman's right to "life, liberty and security of the person".
- In 2004, the Federal Health Accord increased funding to the provinces for health care services, and provided 6% annual increases for 12 years.

What Difference Did It Make in Peterborough?

- Residents continually list health care as a high priority for federal and provincial action.
- 114,000 patients are served by family doctors through the Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT), and 2,300 patients are attached to the downtown 360 Nurse Practitioner Clinic (360 NP Clinic).
- 92% of students in elementary & secondary schools complete the immunizations they need to protect them from a variety of diseases.

Key Issues in This Election . . .

- Supporting people's health by improving conditions where they live, learn, work, and play.
- Providing adequate funding for federal health transfers to the provinces to ensure high quality, universal health care and public health services.
- Considering the expansion of universal health care to pay for prescription drugs (pharmacare).
- Finding ways to increase access to mental health and home care services.
- Addressing the opioid crisis.

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What You Can Do . . .

- Visit the websites of political parties to learn about their platforms.
- Ask questions of candidates at your door and at all-candidates meetings.
- Let us know what you are hopeful for. Send the changes you want to see to: carehopevote@peterboroughpublichealth.ca.

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