
Rural And Northern Health Care Consultations

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The Rural and Northern Health Care consultations will address the unique health care challenges being faced by Ontarians in rural and northern communities.

Rural and Northern Health Care Panel

The province established the Rural and Northern Health Care Panel in July 2009 with the aim of developing strategic directions and principles that would help ensure appropriate access to health care services in rural and northern communities.

The panel submitted its final report to the ministry in November 2010, identifying a vision for a Rural and Northern Health Care Framework and 12 recommendations on how to make that vision a reality.

Through public consultation, the Ontario government is seeking input from the public regarding the panel's final report.

Liz Sandals, MPP for Guelph and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Rick Johnson, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will lead the public consultations.

Public Roundtable Discussions

The province is engaging in a series of public regional roundtable discussions across Ontario.

The roundtables will involve community members discussing questions based on the recommendations in the Rural and Northern Health Care Report. Ontarians interested in participating in these discussions will need to register on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth.

The roundtables are taking place in locations throughout the province including Temiskaming Shores (New Liskeard), Burford, Hanover, Drayton, Shelburne, Petrolia, Renfrew, Picton, Haliburton, Orillia and Dryden.

Other Ways of Commenting

There are also a number of other ways that Ontarians can provide comments including:

- By phone 1-800-503-8654
- Online at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth
- In-person – specific consultation dates to be updated weekly on the ministry [website](#).