

PETITION FOR SIMCOE COUNTY PARAMEDICS

Presented by Jim Wilson, MPP

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS several paramedics in Simcoe County had their pensions affected when paramedic services were transferred to the County of Simcoe as their pensions were not transferred with them from HOOP and OPTrust to OMERS meaning they will receive significantly reduced pensions because their transfer did not recognize their years of credited service; and,

WHEREAS when these paramedics started with their new employer, the County of Simcoe, their past pensionable years were not recognized because of existing pension legislation; and,

WHEREAS the government's own Expert Commission on Pensions has recommended that government move swiftly to address this issue; and,

WHEREAS the government should recognize this issue as a technicality and not penalize hardworking paramedics,

WE the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That Premier McGuinty support Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson's Resolution that calls upon the government to address this issue immediately and ensure that any legislation or regulation allow paramedics in Simcoe County, who were affected by the divestment of paramedic services in the 1990s and beyond, to transfer their pensions from HOOP and OPTrust to OMERS.

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