

**THE COMMISSIONER GIVES THE GOVERNMENT ANOTHER FIVE MONTHS TO INTRODUCE AN INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE MODEL IN PEEL-HALTON**

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**TORONTO, January 10, 2011** – At the request of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), Ontario’s French Language Services Commissioner, François Boileau, announced today that he is giving the Ministry another five months to introduce practical and specific models for the provision of French health services in the region of Peel-Halton.

In spite of the fact that MOHLTC failed to meet the deadline in his Final Investigation Report, tabled in March 2010, the Commissioner believes that it would be ill-advised and contrary to the interests of French-speaking Ontarians to refuse to give the Ministry the requested extension.

Consequently, the Commissioner is giving MOHLTC until May 31, 2011 to comply.

**QUOTE**

“The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has already complied with two of the three recommendations in my investigation report. There are encouraging signs, and I want to see tangible results by the end of May,” stated Commissioner François Boileau.

**QUICK FACTS**

- The investigation into the lack of French health services in Peel and Halton was in response to an admissible complaint that was filed with the Commissioner’s Office in November 2007.
- The Commissioner tabled his Final Investigation Report with the government in March 2010.
- Since then, the Commissioner’s Office has received a number of updates on critical steps taken by MOHLTC to introduce a structure to meet the needs of Francophones living in Peel-Halton, including one sent on December 23, 2010.
- MOHLTC has made a commitment to work with members of the community, including the complainants, with whom it will meet this month.

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