

## **Federation Vice President's Statement From the Press Conference**

It is time for the Ghiz government to realize that all public projects are most effectively and efficiently done when they are funded from public funds, owned by the province, and run and maintained within the Public system. It is the Provincial government's responsibility to provide Islanders with public facilities and services that most effectively and efficiently service the citizens of PEI. This cannot be done when corporate profit becomes the main goal and driver in the decision making process.

Plain and simple, study after study and experience after experience has shown that Public-Private-Partnerships cost more, make public institutions less able to manage public initiatives themselves and reduce flexibility, transparency and accountability of government.

The horror stories, some of which are documented in Flawed, Failed, Abandoned-100 P3, Canadian & International Evidence document are many and it is inconceivable to us that our government would continue to believe the widely discredited promises surrounding P3's in the face of so many failures.

Therefore the PEI Federation of Labour would like to express our full support for this campaign and we urge the Province to ignore the pressure being put on them to choose the P3 option in the construction of the new youth addictions facility and the replacement of the five provincially owned seniors care manors and find a way to bring these and all publically funded projects together through the Public system.