

PROTEST AT OROMOCTO PUBLIC HOSPITAL, JUNE 4, 2012

Description

Today a group of friends, family and concerned citizens gathered at the Oromocto Public Hospital, 103 Winnebago Street, Oromocto, NB to protest in support of Mary-Faith Mazerolle, a New Brunswick healthcare worker who has been denied full-time employment based solely on language. She has been denied a full-time position for a job that she has been doing part-time at this hospital for over 10 years, but she is not bilingual enough according to the new bilingual designation of the position.

People travelled from Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Keswick, Minto and Oromocto to show their support and solidarity with Mary-Faith's plight. A plight that is all too familiar with English New Brunswick civil servants who have been too afraid of persecution to speak out in the past. We hope the bravery of Mary-Faith will encourage others to speak publicly about their experiences within the NB and federal civil service. This will be the only way to make change, as silence is only exacerbating the issue.

The most wonderful items of the day were:

1. The 90 year old veteran and his son who drove from Saint John to support Mary-Faith. We are trying very hard to preserve the freedom that he so bravely fought for!
2. The great number of people who honked their horns, waived or stopped to discuss their agreement with us. Not one bad reaction or statement was made from anyone!!
3. The number of thumbs up from the nurses inside the hospital. For their job security, no names can be mentioned.

Premier Alward, Minister of Health – Madeleine Dube, and Minister of Education & Oromocto MLA – Jody Carr were invited to discuss the issue but did not accept our offer.

There will be more protests in the near future so stay tuned.

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