

# Markham doctor on health team

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could be divided in two for administration purposes.

The program, launching Oct. 6, calls for "local health integration networks" to fast-track home care for patients discharged from hospitals and the deployment of 150 family health teams to provide 24-hour care.

## 'UNNECESSARY'

Reforms are unnecessary and will actually make the service providers less accountable to the public, she said.

The Ministry of Health didn't consult anyone in the York health care system and with the rollout weeks away, it is unlikely regional officials will have a voice, Ms

Frustaglio said.

"They want help from us but not any advice from us," she said. "That's where I have a problem. I was a strong opponent of the way they set up the new community care access centres because it did create a new level of govern-

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Joyce Frustaglio regional councillor

ment, a different group of people who needed an administrative budget and offices. It was already in place here.



**JIM MACLEAN:** Hospital president appointed by province to new health results team.

She was, however, pleased with the appointment of Dr. MacLean, who has been Markham-Stouffville's president since 1999 and was its

chief of staff and chairperson of the York Region district health council's task force responsible for redeveloping health care services for York.

"I'm delighted Dr. MacLean is involved. I think the names on this new team are very credible. Dr. MacLean is the only York Region connection. He's a very respected member of the medical profession and the region," she said.

Dr. MacLean was not available for comment.

The team has until March 31, 2007 to create a system that provides easier patient access to services.

"We believe York has one of the most effective public health care systems," Ms Frustaglio said. "It would have been to their benefit to consult us."



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# Bacteria may cause headaches, fever

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The recall covers Morra bocconcini sold from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 at the Garden Basket on Hwy. 48 in Markham, Lady York Foods on Dufferin Street in Toronto and at Morra's own retail store.

The Morra store remains open, selling cheese manufactured elsewhere.

York health inspectors have also visited local restaurants and made certain the

bocconcini was removed.

The agency believes the cheese may contain listeria monocytogenes, a bacteria that can cause severe headaches, high fever, neck stiffness or nausea and is particularly dangerous during pregnancy. Pregnant women infected with listeria may experience only mild flu-like symptoms but premature delivery, infection of the newborn or still birth can result.

A call to the company Thursday was not returned.

No cases of the infection, called listeriosis, have been found in York Region but one B.C. man's illness is being investigated, said Joe LaMarca, director of the region's health protection division.

The agency issued a health hazard alert saying the stores sold the cheese in unlabelled packages, but an owner of the Garden Basket grocery said bocconcini at its deli counter would be labelled as a Morra product.

"We took it off the shelf and destroyed it right away,"

Robert Comella said Thursday.

"We maybe order three or four kilos of the product a week. We still had most of it left."

The agency said contaminated cheese may not look or smell spoiled and people who bought an unlabelled bocconcini product should ask their retailer to verify its origin.

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