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A conversation hosted
by **Avi Lewis**



With a panel including:

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Erin Little, patient advocate

other local participants

Tuesday, May 16th

First United Church
16 William St. West
Waterloo, ON

7:00 pm - 9:00pm



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WATERLOO REGION PHARMACARE TOWNHALL

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NINE OUT OF TEN CANADIANS SUPPORT UNIVERSAL PHARMACARE!

The Facts:

- Canada has the third highest medication costs in the world, behind the US and Switzerland and is the only nation with universal healthcare which doesn't offer universal Pharmacare
- 1% of us can't afford prescriptions medications or medical supplies (more than 3 million Canadians), 20% of families must choose between food and meds;
- insurance does NOT cover new meds, medical supplies, or pre-existing conditions;
- 100,000 private + 100 public insurers equals little bargaining power with Big Pharma;
- Research indicates that, as sole negotiator, Canada could save \$5.5-11B, saving money for employers who provide health plans, and leaving billions to invest in our public healthcare;
- Universal Pharmacare would leave more money in *all* of our wallets while ensuring everyone gets the prescribed medication they need;
- Current indications are that the Liberal Government would promote a slow, phased in, patchwork approach, providing support to the uninsured, starting with children, then youth, then... well, by then, it will be 2026 and people will still be suffering. And we'll still have the third highest prescription medication costs in the world.

Universal Pharmacare would be good for the nation, for the economy, for our public healthcare, and for everyone who needs prescription medications.

JOIN US TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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