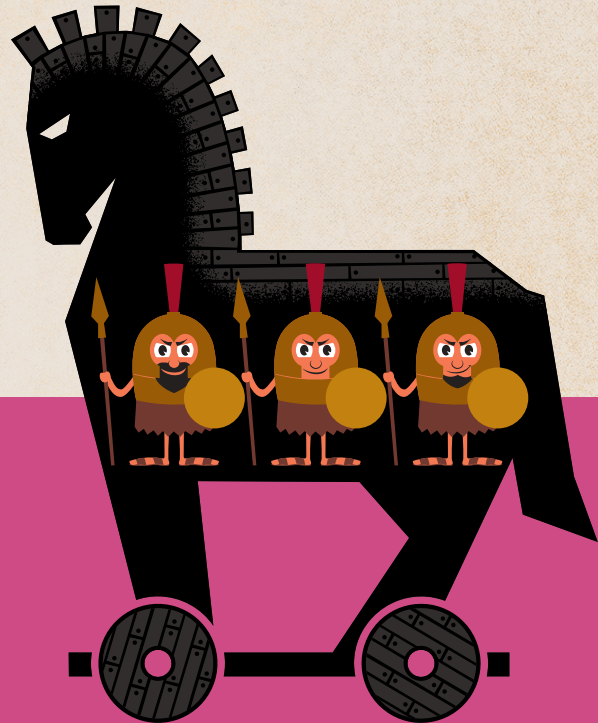


*Newfoundland and
Labrador's health care
services belong to us all!*

*Don't let the government
privatize health facilities
through Trojan Horse deals
called P3s!*

P3s—the Trojan Horse of Liberal Health Care!



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Like the mythical Trojan Horse, P3-built health care facilities are a hollow promise that threatens our health care system with increased costs down the road, leading to fewer beds, job cuts and lower standards of care.

CUPE Newfoundland and Labrador is touring with a 15-foot tall Trojan Horse this summer to warn people of the hidden dangers of using private money to build health care facilities.

Up until now, we were the only province that has resisted public-private partnerships. Now, the Liberal government has plans for two P3s in Corner Brook – a long-term care home and a new regional hospital.

The government is presenting its P3 plan as if it's a gift to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. *It's not!*

P3 infrastructure builds offer lower upfront costs, but the government pays more over the long term, pushing costs onto future budgets and future taxpayers.

Unfortunately, P3 projects have a track record of going well over budget and delivering less than what was promised. Because they wind up costing more than publicly-built facilities, they usually result in cuts to jobs and services. They look good outside the city gates but upon examination they contain lots of hidden pitfalls—*a false gift to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador!*



The Trojan Horse was a ploy used by the Greeks to enter the city of Troy during the Trojan War. After 10 years of siege, the Greeks constructed a hollow wooden horse and hid men inside. They left the horse outside the gates of Troy as an offering to Athena and pretended to sail away, tricking the Trojans into pulling the horse inside. That night the armed men crept out of the horse and opened the gates for the rest of their army, which had sailed back during the night. The Greeks then destroyed the city of Troy, ending the war.

The metaphor has come to mean: *beware of those offering gifts, as they may not be what they seem.*