



January 5, 2022

TO: The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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AND TO: The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health Canada  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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Re: Request for Ontario Health Units to be added to the Ombudsman of Ontario's Mandate

At its Regular Council Meeting held on September 7, 2021, Town of Essex Council discussed the Ombudsman Ontario Annual Report 2020/2021 and noted the recommendation by Paul Dube, The Ontario Ombudsman, for Ontario Public Health Units to be under the Ombudsman's oversight mandate as their decisions collectively affect millions across the Province. In discussing this issue Council noted the 2020/2021 Ombudsman Annual Report which stated "for any public service to function as well as possible, there must be oversight, a complaint mechanism, and a way to have those complaints addressed."



As a result of that discussion Council passed the following resolution:

R21-09-377

Moved by: Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That** the Mayor and Council of Essex request the Government of Ontario to add public health units to the Ombudsman of Ontario's mandate; and

**That** the recommendation by Paul Dube, Ombudsman, for all Ontario health units to be under the Ombudsman of Ontario's oversight mandate be received and supported and that a letter of support be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health Canada, Paul Dube, the Ontario Ombudsman, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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