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Re: Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 15, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated July 9, 2024, from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) regarding the joint health resolution campaign.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R24-07-312

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario dated July 9, 2024 regarding the joint health resolution campaign be received and supported; and

That Council adopt the following resolution:



Whereas, the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas, it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

Whereas, Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

Whereas, the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas, per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas, a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Town of Essex and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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 "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health
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