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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-49
Date: August 16, 2024

Subject:

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessments

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessments (CCHVAs).

2. Background

2.1 DRHD is mandated to conduct health vulnerability assessments under the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#) (OPHS).

2.2 The [Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline](#) of the OPHS requires DRHD to assess health impacts related to climate change.

2.3 DRHD is completing the following seven reports in a special CCHVA series called Understanding the Local Health Impacts of Climate Change:

- a. A background primer on climate change and health in Durham Region, followed by six CCHVAs on:
 - Extreme heat
 - Solar UV radiation
 - Vector-borne disease
 - Food and water impacts
 - Extreme weather, and

- Air quality.

2.4 The report series aims to:

- Improve understanding of the links between climate change and health.
- Assess the risks of local climate hazards and associated health impacts.
- Prioritize health equity and priority populations.
- Establish a baseline for future analysis.

2.5 The first report, released on August 12, 2024, is the background primer and is entitled: [Understanding the Local Health Impacts of Climate Change](#). It includes the reviews and feedback provided by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Regional Sustainability staff of the Office of the CAO.

2.6 The report, along with an executive summary are available at durham.ca/ClimateAndHealth.

3. Report Highlights

3.1 The first report serves as an essential background primer that explores current and future health impacts of climate hazards in Durham Region.

3.2 It establishes an equity-focused framework for assessing and addressing factors of climate vulnerability, based on exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity to climate hazards.

3.3 The background primer provides a global and local overview of climate change and related health impacts as well as local environmental and community features relevant to assessing climate-related health risks.

3.4 Key findings focus on the health impacts of six major climate hazards and those who may be worst affected:

- Climate change is causing more frequent and intense climate hazards, which increase the local risks of loss, injury, illness, poor mental health, and death.
- Although Durham Region is already experiencing the effects of climate change, most residents do not believe they will be harmed by it.
- Not everyone is affected equally, and climate vulnerability depends on an individual's or community's degree of exposure, sensitivity, and capacity to adapt to a climate hazard.
- People who generally face greater climate related health risks include adults over age 65, children and youth, Indigenous Peoples, racialized populations, people with disabilities, people who are pregnant, residents of more remote rural communities, individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged, and people with pre-existing health challenges.
- Some local area residents experience multiple compounded risk factors (e.g., older age, food insecurity and isolation) which is why climate change can act

as a “threat multiplier”, worsening existing health inequities while creating the conditions for new ones to emerge.

- f. Durham Region’s rich and diverse ecosystems including forests, wetlands and grasslands are crucial for protecting against health impacts from extreme heat, flooding and other climate hazards.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability

- 1.4: Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.

b. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.2: Enhance community safety and well-being.
- 2.3 Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.
- 2.5 Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

5. Next Steps

5.1 The background primer report will be disseminated and promoted to municipal and community partners. The communication plan includes a news release and social media messages to build public awareness of the six main climate hazards of concern for communities as well as the link between climate change and health.

5.2 The remaining reports of the CCHVA series will be completed, published and promoted in sequence.

5.3 The extreme heat report entitled, Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impact of Extreme Heat, is expected to be published in the fall of 2024.

5.4 The report development process will continue to integrate the review and feedback of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Regional Sustainability staff.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The CCHVA report series is intended to help decision-makers better understand the health risks that Durham Region residents will face in the coming years.

6.2 It will help guide equity-focused adaptation plans to protect residents, especially those who are most affected and least protected.

6.3 The CCHVA report series will be used to support health systems, municipalities, community organizations and residents to plan and respond to the growing impacts of climate change.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health




RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 16 DATED JULY 17, 2024

8. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

8.3 REPORT NO. 32 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (JULY 16, 2024)

8.3.13 [REIMAGINE THE STOUFFVILLE GO TRANSIT CORRIDOR LINE \(10.0\)](#)

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	August 09, 2024 8:19 am
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WHEREAS, there is a need for the Stouffville GO Transit Corridor Line to be fast, frequent, more stations and reliable transit service to support growth within the City of Toronto, City of Markham, Town of Whitchurch Stouffville, York Region and the GTAH, in order to fulfil the ambitious housing targets created by the province of Ontario and committed to by those same municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive land use plans and complete communities need to be created and coordinated at a supra-regional level with all affected municipalities within the 416 and 905 area code, spearheading a major transformation of the Stouffville GO Transit Line to unlock economic opportunity, job creation, increase ridership, and optimize investment in rail transit infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, New transit investments and infrastructure must be coordinated with existing and planned services such as the high speed Crosstown 407 Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, A holistic, comprehensive plan would produce a far more efficient and effective two-way all-day corridor of destinations surrounding GO “Transit-Oriented Development” Stations coupled with 24-hour land uses that focus on the public realm and community amenities to create a vibrant and liveable economic corridor that is not premised on the current commuter model between the 905 and downtown Toronto areas; and,

WHEREAS, Toronto, Markham and Stouffville Growth Strategy describes the goals, strategies, and actions agreed to by the municipal partnership to pursue sustainable growth and development to 2053 and beyond. It is based on containing growth inside the urban containment boundary, and focusing this growth on Toronto, Markham and Stouffville’s Urban Growth Centres, Transit Oriented Communities and other areas well-served by frequent transit service. It aims to support sustainable transportation choices with an emphasis on



Toronto/Markham/Stouffville land use patterns that promote walking, cycling, and transit; and,

WHEREAS, Corridor level planning can attract more economic development opportunities and substantial investment, facilitate the establishment facilitate the establishment of I get consistent design and development standards across the entire corridor, leading to a more cohesive, aesthetic and functional environment, avoiding abrupt transitions between different station areas, encouraging the creation of pedestrian friendly pathways, bike lanes, and other non-motorized transportation options that connect various stations and the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, Corridor-Level planning promotes active transportation and enhances overall liability of the community, allowing for more effective public engagement, while assessing how environmental impacts and considerations can be assessed, and on a broader scale, evaluating the overall ecological footprint, preserving an increasing green spaces and implementing sustainable practises that benefit the entire quarter; and,

WHEREAS, Corridor-level planning allows for more effective public engagement to get the community buy-in. The stakeholders and Community can provide input on the overall vision and priorities for the entire corridor, fostering a sense of ownership and involvement in the planning process. Regular open Corridor Committee meetings with stakeholders and ratepayers will be engaged in the corridor planning process; and,

WHEREAS, Planning and urban design can, at the corridor level, facilitate the establishment of consistent design and development across the entire corridor. It can lead to a more cohesive, aesthetic and functional environment, avoiding abrupt transitions between different station areas; and,

WHEREAS, by planning at the corridor level, environmental impacts and considerations can be assessed and mitigated on a broader scale. This might include evaluating the overall ecological footprint, preserving and increasing green spaces, and implementing sustainable practices that benefit the entire corridor, and,

WHEREAS, Conduct POC IoT Studies on solutions that will address society's corridor deficiency, reduce transit capital and operating costs,



address society's high cost of living (Food) and also reduce the carbon footprint; and,

WHEREAS, Corridor-level planning allows for more effective public engagement to get their community buy in. The stakeholders and community can provide input on the overall vision and priorities for the entire corridor, fostering a sense of ownership and involvement in the planning process. Regular open corridor committee meetings with stakeholders and ratepayers will be engaged in the corridor planning process; and,

WHEREAS, Appendix to this outline's key consideration, precedents and best practices for this type of corridor-level planning.

Therefore, now be it resolved:

1. That the Province of Ontario be requested to form an inter-governmental, inter-municipal, stakeholders and agency steering committee and working group to undertake a comprehensive study, followed by development of a plan that will unlock the land use, economic and transit opportunity of the Stouffville GO Transit Line Corridor and its surrounding lands; and,
2. That a Steering Committee made up of representatives from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments and a Government technical working group be supported by various experts, including urban planners, urban design architects, engineers, economists, environmental specialists, and community stakeholders. Collaboration between government agencies, transit authorities, and private entities would be essential to successfully realize the transformation of the Stouffville GO transit line Corridor and the evolution of Transit-Oriented Developments; and,
3. That this resolution be provided to the following:
 - The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
 - Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
 - Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions, and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food



- Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry
- Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Mary Ng, Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development
- Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Transport and Quebec Lieutenant
- Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism and Minister responsible for the Economic Development
- Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec
- Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Physical Activity
- Kamal Khera, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities
- Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern ON
- Rechie Valdez, Minister of Small Business
- Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition
- Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
- Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
- Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



- Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
 - Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
 - Phil Verster, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx
 - Donald Wright, Chair of the Board of Directors, Metrolinx
 - Michael Lindsay, President and Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Ontario
 - Marit Stiles, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario and Leader of the Official Opposition
 - Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario
 - John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario
 - Brian Bentz, President and CEO, Alectra Utilities
 - Brian MacPherson, Executive Director, 2030 Commonwealth Games
 - Debbie Low, President & CEO, Canadian Sports Institute of Ontario
 - York Region Councillors
 - Mayor and Councillors, Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Whitchurch Stouffville
 - Mayor Olivia Chow and Councillors, City of Toronto
 - CEOs and Commissioners of Planning, York Region, Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan
 - City Clerks – Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Durham, Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto
 - Local York Region MPPs and MPs
 - A Better GTA – An Alliance of GTA Resident and Ratepayers Groups in the GTA, and,
 - Media - CBC, CTV, City News, Toronto Star, Globe & Mail, York Region.com; and,
4. That the following matter be considered as part of the Corridor Planning process (Appendices for details):



- Provide land use, typologies and communities that optimize the frequent rail transit investment where communities are seamlessly linked by high frequency public LRT
 - Provide Complete Destinations (Retail, Office and Residential build over the TOD stations) Transit-Oriented Development Stations that are seamlessly linked with 24-hour uses that create two-way all-day traffic between Toronto's Union Station and Stouffville's Lincolnville Station. (Involve Pension Funds and other Capital Investors)
 - Evaluate and implement autonomous vehicles in a geo-fenced environment and micro-mobility connections to support first-mile/last-mile solutions at rail TOC station areas
 - Create a multi-modal corridor of transit supported neighborhoods (like a string of pearls along the corridor)
 - Create complete communities and hierarchy of destinations, employment centres and amenities within the sub-centres that generate and attract two-way all-day traffic
 - Examine opportunities for renewables, district energy generation, solar, wind, geo-thermal solutions within the Stouffville GO Transit corridor
 - Provide a Range of Housing Choices and Affordability
 - Balance City-Wide and Regional Goals with the Existing Communities and Its Context
 - Ensure Job Space and Diversity through a Comprehensive Job Creation Strategy
 - Create digital twins of the affected municipalities that utilize the internet of things to monitor utilities and the transportation grid in real time and improve analysis, projection and development review; and,
5. Establish a TOC Corridor Planning Stakeholder and Ratepayer Committee:
- This is essential for creating efficient, safe, and sustainable transportation systems that serve the community and the GTHA.



- The Tri-Government Political Steering Committee Adopts a multi-disciplinary approach that includes:
 - Transportation
 - Land Use Planning
 - Urban Design
 - Conduct Proof of Concepts
 - 3D Modelling to Scale
 - Electric or Hydrogen
 - Economic Development
 - Job Creation – New Emerging Technology Solutions
 - Community Engagement
 - Charette, Visual Preference Survey
 - Building over Transit GO Station and Platforms; and further,
- 6. That the following programs be considered to Reimagine the Stouffville GO Transit line as a comprehensive metro transit corridor with integrated urban development and sustainable features:
 - Conduct a Technical and Financial Feasibility Study: To assess the technical, financial, and operational viability of the proposed transformation of the Stouffville GO transit line to Metro (Subway) type Service:
 - Transportation Demand Analysis: Analyze the current and projected transportation demand along the corridor, considering population growth, employment distribution and other demographic factors.
 - Infrastructure and Engineering Study: Conduct engineering study to determine whether to tunnel, or elevate, or grade separate, and other infrastructure upgrades along the corridor.
 - Environmental Impact Assessment: Evaluate potential environmental impacts of transit line upgrades, new stations,



increased urban development, density, and develop strategies to mitigate any negative effects.

- Driverless Train with Automation Train Control Technology Study: Explore the technical requirements, costs and benefits of implementing driverless LRT technology, and automatic train control.
- Station Area Master Plans: Develop station master plans for proposed TOCs. These plans should include mixed-use development concepts, urban design guidelines, land use strategies, and strategies for creating complete destination stations. Consider factors like job distribution, housing density, retail, entertainment facilities, creating great public realm, green spaces, and building on top of TOC stations.
- Land Use and Zoning Studies: Work with local municipalities to update zoning regulations and land use policies that encourage mixed-use development and don't encourage single-family houses and townhouses in TOCs.
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOC) Strategy: Establish design guidelines to ensure aesthetic coherence, functionality, and sustainability in the development of stations and surrounding areas. These guidelines would encompass building heights, aesthetics, green spaces, and public amenities.
- 3D Modelling Solutions: Create 3D digital twins and printed models for each TOC station area.
- Economic and Job Analysis: Assess the potential for job creation along the transit corridor. Identify sectors that could thrive in proximity to transit stations, such as technology hubs, commercial centres, and research institutions. This study must consider how to attract businesses to establish their presence at each station.



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk



Cc: A. Prasad
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D. Lyons

Attachments:

[General Committee Notice of Motion - Stouffville_NOC.pdf](#)

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

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

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

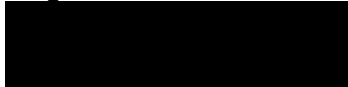
WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
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CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

MOVED BY: Muir DATE: AUGUST 12, 2024

SECONDED BY: Smith RES.NO: 13

WHEREAS this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

WHEREAS our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

WHEREAS the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

WHEREAS there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

WHEREAS the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

WHEREAS the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

WHEREAS a ‘catch and release’ system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public.

WHEREAS the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada.

WHEREAS our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.

AND WHEREAS this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public’s trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.

AND WHEREAS the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Red Rock send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, Staff Sergeant David Moscall, Nipigon OPP, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

FOR: 4 _____

AGAINST: _____

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MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

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

AND 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 Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/lv

Copy to:

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Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health) - Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca
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All Area Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7
 Resolution #: 7
 Date: August 13, 2024

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, paramedicine, and other investments.

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 Township of Larder Lake urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the district of Timiskaming and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: [REDACTED]

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.