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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 7.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-301  
**Title:** Resolution - AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage  
**Date:** July 17, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**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 (5) 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 are expected to retire in the next five (5) years;  
**AND 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;  
**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;  
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of St.-Charles 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 sent to Premier Doug Ford; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR/