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Kingston and Area Real  
Estate Association  
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**Re: Protecting Our Community's Water**

Dear Erin Finn,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of April 30, 2024:

*RESOLUTION #155/24: Pinnell Jr., Norrie*

That Council receive for information the correspondence from the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association regarding the local impacts of the proposed closure of the Kingston public health lab;

And further, that Council send a letter of support to the President of the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association;

And further that a copy of the letter to be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Ric Bresee, MPP - Hastings Lennox and Addington; Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP- Hastings and Lennox and Addington and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Please do not hesitate to contact [jwalters@greaternapanee.com](mailto:jwalters@greaternapanee.com) if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters  
Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Ric Bresee, MPP for Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP for Hastings-Lennox &  
Addington  
All municipalities of Ontario



Dear Mayor Richardson and Council

As a valued members of our community I feel it is important to share with you a matter of significant concern that affects us all, especially those of us living in or considering rural properties in Hastings, Lennox and Addington and Frontenac Counties.

Recent recommendations have put the future of our local Public Health Ontario laboratory in jeopardy. This facility is crucial for conducting no-cost water testing, a service that many of our rural residents rely on to ensure their drinking water is safe. The proposed closure of the Kingston lab could have a direct impact on our community's health and safety, as well as potential implications for property values and the attractiveness of rural living.

**Why Your Support is Needed:**

- Community Health: Safe drinking water is a cornerstone of public health. Losing access to local, no-cost water testing could lead to increased health risks.
- Rural Impact: Rural residents, in particular, depend on these services due to the absence of municipal water services in many areas.
- Economic Considerations: The availability of reliable water testing services is essential for maintaining property values and the desirability of rural properties.

**How You Can Help:**

The Kingston and Area Real Estate Association is spearheading a petition to keep the Kingston water testing lab operational and its services free. We believe that by coming together as a community, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that this essential service remains available to those who need it most.

**We kindly ask for your support by:**

1. Note and receive this letter for information and to provide a motion that a copy of this letter is sent to:
  - Premier Doug Ford
  - Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvie Jones
  - MPP Ric Bresee
  - MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman
  - All remaining 443 Ontario Municipalities

2. Spread the Word: Please share this information with friends, family, and neighbours. The more voices we gather, the stronger our appeal.

Your engagement in this cause is not just about preserving a service; it's about upholding the health and well-being of our community. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for considering this call to action. Your support means everything to us and to rural communities across Ontario.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Erin Finn

2024 President Kingston and Area Real Estate Association (KAREA)