



September 4, 2024

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park, Room 281  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

SENT VIA E-MAIL  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford :

**RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE ACROSS ONTARIO**

At its regular meeting held on September 3 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed the following resolution.

<< Resolution: **2024/232**                      Moved By:      Councillor R. St-Louis  
Secoded By:      Councillor G. Pharand

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

- Twp. Lake of Bays, Council passed Resolution #TC-206-2024 at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2024
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Council passed Resolution #2024-253 at its regular meeting held on August 6, 2024
- Town of Bracebridge, Council passed Motion #24-GC-149 at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2024

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED >>**

In accordance with Council's direction, the resolution is being forwarded for your reference.

Respectfully,

Janice Dupuis  
Deputy Clerk  
Municipality of West Nipissing



Council - Committee of the Whole

**Resolution #** 2024/232  
**Title:** Authorize support resolution re: Physician Shortage  
**Date:** September 3, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Roch St. Louis  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Georges Pharand

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**CARRIED**



Council - Committee of the Whole

**Résolution #** 2024/232  
**Titre:** Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant la pénurie de médecins  
**Date:** le 3 septembre 2024

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**Proposé par:** Councillor Roch St. Louis  
**Appuyé par:** Councillor Georges Pharand

**IL EST RÉSOLU QUE** lors de la réunion du 3 septembre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest reçoive et appuie les résolutions des municipalités suivantes demandant au gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans tout l'Ontario :

- Canton de Lake of Bays, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #TC-206-2024 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 13 aout 2024.
- Ville de Bradford West Gwillimbury, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #2024-253 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 6 aout 2024
- Ville de Bracebridge, le Conseil a adopté la motion #24-GC-149..... lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 26 aout 2024

**IL EST RÉSOLU QUE** le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest presse le gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest et dans tout l'Ontario et de financer les soins de santé de façon appropriée pour s'assurer que tous les Ontariens ont accès aux soins d'un médecin.

**IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'**une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de la Santé de l'Ontario, au médecin-chef de la santé pour l'Ontario, à l'Association médicale de l'Ontario (OMA), à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), à John Vanthof (député provincial), à Marc Serré (député fédéral) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

**ADOPTÉ**

August 13, 2024

Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto: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**

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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.

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All Area Municipalities

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**

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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,



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



August 26, 2024

**Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage**

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“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, 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

In accordance with Council’s direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,



Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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