The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by:	Seconded by:
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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) and;

WHERAS 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 n 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

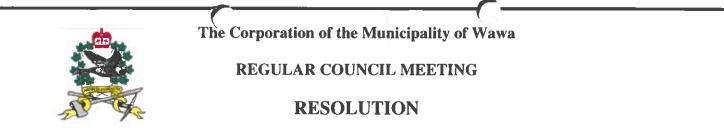
WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and;

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 Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk:

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Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in PDF and Word Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,

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Kimberly Moran CEO, Ontario Medical

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Colin Best Association AMO President

Appendix A:

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