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30 July 2024

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Nolan Quinn, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Township of North Dundas Council Meeting – July 18, 2024 – Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage in the Township of North Dundas.

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of North Dundas, at its regular meeting held July 18, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Bergeron

Seconded By: Councillor Annable

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 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 Township of North Dundas urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of North Dundas and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 613-774-2105 ext. 226 or via email at njohnston@northdundas.com.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Nancy Johnston, MBA

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk