



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**November 28, 2024**

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Support for Family Physicians'**

At a meeting held on November 20, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828, adopting the below recommendation from the November 5, 2024 Community Health Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee having considered the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Support for Family Physicians' recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



## Community Health Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: November 5, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-11-05- 710

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: O. Hankivsky

Council Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

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Carried   
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



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September 13, 2024

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John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk  
City of Toronto

**Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated July 31, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the September 9, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-140). Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-140, being a resolution from The City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physicians, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

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cc: Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities

## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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### Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

#### City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
  - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
  - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council’s decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

#### Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario’s family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents’ unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

#### Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)