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Correspondence dated August 13, 2024 from the Township of Lake of Bays to the Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution requesting the Provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays.
7. **C-2024-368**  
Correspondence dated August 12, 2024 from the Township of Red Rock to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and various other recipients, respecting a resolution requesting additional funding in Ontario’s legal system to support a meaningful resistance to “Catch and Release” Justice.

8. **C-2024-369**  
Correspondence dated August 13, 2024 from the Township of Larder Lake respecting a resolution of support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign (physician shortage).



Received August 1, 2024  
**John D. Elvidge** C-2024-361  
City Clerk

City Clerk's Office

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**In reply please quote:  
Ref.: 24-MM19.5**

(Sent by Email)

July 31, 2024

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: Member Motions Item 19.5  
Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians (Ward All)**

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted [Item MM19.5](#) and, in so doing, has forwarded 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.

*J. Canchela*  
for City Clerk

J. Canchela/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario  
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Province of Ontario  
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities

c. City Manager

## 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>)



July 31, 2024

*Annette Groves*

*Mayor* Received August 2, 2024  
C-2024-362

Sent via E-Mail: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

**RE: RESOLUTION ON PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS NEEDED TO RESTRICT KEEPING OF NON-NATIVE ("EXOTIC") WILD ANIMALS**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals and the request to the Province to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, Town of Smiths Falls, and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves  
Mayor

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The Honorable Michael Kerzner, Ontario Solicitor General, [michael.kerzner@ontario.ca](mailto:michael.kerzner@ontario.ca)  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DOCTORS**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding support for family doctors.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Petrolia and City of Bellville regarding the resolution in support of Family Doctors, and the request to the Province to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the City of Belleville, the Town of Petrolia and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

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Mayor

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Mandi Pearson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Petrolia, [mpearson@petrolia.ca](mailto:mpearson@petrolia.ca)  
Matt MacDonald, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, City of Belleville,  
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July 31, 2024

*Annette Groves*

*Mayor* Received August 2, 2024  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: WATER TESTING SERVICES FOR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Town of Caledon support the City of Pickering and Town of Amaranth regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water and the request to the Province to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing- out of free private drinking water testing services; and*

*That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, City of Pickering, Town of Amaranth, Peel Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.*

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at [Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca](mailto:Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves  
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Received August 2, 2024  
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Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada  
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada  
Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada  
Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)  
Government of Canada  
MP Marilyn Gladu  
MPP Bob Bailey  
(sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

**And Whereas** the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

**And Whereas** residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

**And Whereas** Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

**And Whereas** the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

**And Whereas** the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

*government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”*

**And Whereas** the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:  
All Ontario 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,



Tara Reynolds  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
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CC:  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
All Ontario Municipalities

Received August 13, 2024  
C-2024-367

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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Copy to:

Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health) - [sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)  
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All Area Municipalities

MOVED BY: Muir DATE: AUGUST 12, 2024  
SECONDED BY: Smith RES.NO: 13

WHEREAS this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

WHEREAS our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

WHEREAS the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

WHEREAS there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

WHEREAS the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

WHEREAS the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

WHEREAS a ‘catch and release’ system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public.

WHEREAS the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada.

WHEREAS our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.

AND WHEREAS this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public’s trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.



AND WHEREAS the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Red Rock send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, Staff Sergeant David Moscall, Nipigon OPP, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

FOR: 4

AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON**

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**MOVED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

**SECONDED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: August 13, 2024

Received August 14, 2024  
C-2024-369

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)

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.

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 Larder Lake urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the district of Timiskaming and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.