



Legal and Legislative Services

August 27, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of August 26, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the City of Toronto dated July 31, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support Family Physicians.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Toronto correspondence dated July 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

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Attached: City of Toronto

c.c. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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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

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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

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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>