

**Resolution: EOWC Support for AMO/OMA Joint Campaign on Physician Shortage**

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**Moved by:** Warden Jamie MacDonald

**Seconded by:** Warden Frances Smith

**"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 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the EOWC region and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care."

**CARRIED**



Signed by: Peter Emon, Chair  
July 18, 2024