



Township of Lucan Biddulph

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Sent Via Email

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC)
All Ontario Municipalities

RE: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign – Physician Shortage

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2024 - 187

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by J. Hodgins

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, 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 Township of Lucan Biddulph urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lucan Biddulph and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

CARRIED

Please contact our office should you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tina Merner".

Tina Merner
Deputy Clerk