



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday July 15, 2024, the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution MD Shortage in Ontario

Resolution 220-2024

Moved By: Councillor Johnson

Seconded By: Councillor Dube

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

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk