

September 17, 2024

Ministry of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Honourable Sylvia Jones:

At its regular meeting on September 12, 2024, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

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 plan an integral role in the health care system through responsibility 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 Dufferin County urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Dufferin and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.



Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne
Clerk

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