



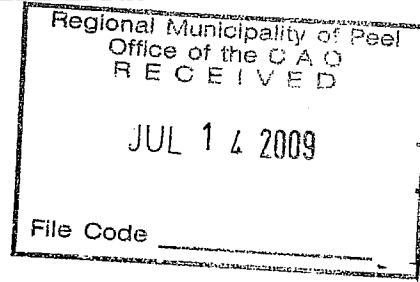
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June 30, 2009

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Dear Mr. Premier:

Re: Resolution regarding Hospital Funding Gap

Please be advised that at its meeting on June 30, 2009 Simcoe County Council passed the following recommendation of the Human Services Committee:

THAT the following resolution provided by the Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance be approved:

WHEREAS Ontarians believe in the principle of fairness; that fairness defines who we are and how we live;

AND WHEREAS the high growth communities in Ontario grow at more than twice the rate of the provincial population growth rate and are aging at twice the provincial rate;

AND WHEREAS population growth in these regions will further intensify due to Ontario's 30-year growth plan, *Places to Grow*;

AND WHEREAS as of 2008/09 Ontarians residing in the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) with high growth communities are receiving \$255 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to residents in other LHINs in Ontario, which translates into a \$1.4 billion annual operating funding gap for local hospital services – and these provincial funding gaps are worsening each year;

AND WHEREAS residents of the County of Simcoe, as part of the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN, are receiving \$134 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$283 million annual operating funding gap for local hospital services;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians living in high growth communities of the GTA/905 are receiving \$193 less per resident for provincially funded local social services when compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$641.9 million annual operating funding gap for local provincially funded social services – and these provincial funding inequities also worsening each year;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has acknowledged the growing funding gaps for hospital services in high growth communities by committing during the 2007 provincial election to provide \$100 million in additional annual operating funding to high growth hospitals;

AND WHEREAS the provision of \$30 million in hospital growth funding for 2008/09 still means that the provincial funding gap for hospital care continues to widen in high growth communities;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that it is developing and will implement a new Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM) to allocate new health care resources to Local Health Integration Networks based on patient care needs and to address health care funding inequities in Ontario;

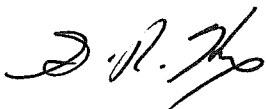
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to improve timely and local access to hospital care in the County of Simcoe and across high growth communities in Ontario, the Council of the County of Simcoe asks the Government of Ontario to:

1. Speed up implementation of the \$100 million hospital growth funding commitment ensuring that growth funding is targeted to high growth hospitals and provide growth funding for social services;
2. Quickly implement a "Health Based Allocation Model" (HBAM) i.e., population-needs-based funding for provincial hospital and health care services and develop a population-needs-based funding formula for social services; and,
3. Develop a health care and social services growth plan for Ontario high growth communities to complement *Places to Grow*;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, the MPPs for the County of Simcoe, High Growth Communities Mayors and Chairs, and the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN.

We respectfully request favourable consideration of this resolution.

Yours truly,



Glen R. Knox
County Clerk

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