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Office of the Regional Chair

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Mr. Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton ON L6T 4B9

Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding regional council's resolution on fluoridation of drinking water systems.

The mandate of the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport is to promote healthy living for all Ontarians. We are working hard to address the risk factors associated with chronic diseases to help keep Ontarians healthy and to contribute to the sustainability of our health care system. Our strategies focus on smoking cessation and prevention, healthy eating, sport and recreation, physical activity and injury prevention.

I appreciate receiving your views and I have taken note of your concerns. The issue of fluoridation would more appropriately be addressed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which has responsibility for the *Fluoridation Act*. I note that you sent a copy of your letter to the Minister, the Honourable Deb Matthews. I am confident that she will give this matter her full consideration.

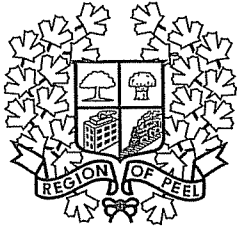
Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Margarett Best
Minister

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c: Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health



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May 24, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-362

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