





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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| Resolution # RC24172                                                                           | Meeting Order: 15                                                                                  |
| Moved by:<br> | Seconded by:<br> |

**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) and;

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine and;

**WHEREAS** the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77<sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> 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 Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

| RESOLUTION RESULT                   |                             | RECORDED VOTE     |     |    |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED                     | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | YES | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | DEFEATED                    | Mitch Hatfield    |     |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | TABLED                      | Cathy Cannon      |     |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)   | Melanie Pilon     |     |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED | Jim Hoffmann      |     |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | WITHDRAWN                   | Joseph Opato      |     |    |

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

| MAYOR - MELANIE PILON | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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