

March 20, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario Legislative Building – Room 281 Queen's Park Toronto ON., M7A 1A1

## RE: Development of Policy for Automated External Defibrillators in all Schools

Dear Premier Wynne:

The Council for the Municipality of the Town of Ingersoll passed the following resolution at their regular meeting of Council on March 6, 2017:

## Moved by Councillor Franklin; seconded by Councillor Petrie

C17-03-067 WHEREAS Automated External Defibrillators are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

AND WHEREAS for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first minute, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes:

AND WHEREAS Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

AND WHEREAS Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AED's in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Ingersoil requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that makes it mandatory for all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School

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Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools;

AND THAT the Town of Ingersoll request that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools as soon as possible for the safety of our children;

**AND THAT** this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

CARRIED

The Council for the Town of Ingersoll urges the development and implementation of an AED policy for all schools to help ensure the safety of our children. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the Town's request please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Ann Wright Deputy Clerk

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CC Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
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