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Moved by: Councillor Peplinski 22-0712-15
Seconded by: Councillor Bromwich 07 December 2015
BE IT RESOLVED

WHEREAS Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly-funded health care system;

AND WHEREAS since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7 per cent unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients - including cuts to programs which are specifically designed to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients' access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

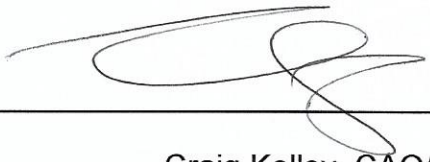
AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

AND WHEREAS rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in an effort to retain and attract family physicians to our rural Ontario municipality, the Township of Madawaska Valley hereby requests that; the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario; and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario's families deserve.

AND THAT copies of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the County of Renfrew and all Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities, MPP John Yakabuski, Federal Minister of Health, Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons and all municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Craig Kelley, CAO/Clerk

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