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Minister of Long Term Care  
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Good Afternoon

Thank you for meeting with us. For context, the Municipality of Temagami is the municipality located at the northern edge of the District of Nipissing and is separated from other municipalities in the District by a large area of unorganized municipalities. Through Ontario Regulation 79/10, we are part of the Nipissing West Territorial District which was established to, basically, govern Au Chateau, the Class 'C' Long Term Care Home located in West Nipissing. This home has 162 beds, 102 of which have been operated through special enhanced funding.

When we met a couple of years ago on this topic, we highlighted that Ontario Regulation 79/10 has, in essence, created a monopoly in favour of the Municipality of West Nipissing in that of the 6 members on the board, 3 come from the Municipality of West Nipissing, 2 appointed by the Province and 1 from the Municipality of Temagami. We expressed our concern that between capital enhancements and the projected loss of the special shelter funding we could see our levy for the home increase significantly and increase our property taxes by 10%.

While, at the time of writing, the 2021 budget for Au Chateau has yet to be approved by the Board, the special enhanced funding which funded 102 beds was not being continued for 2021. Any solution other than adding these costs to the 'municipal share' revenue line is most likely short-term however there does not appear to be any scenario where the number of beds will be reduced. If we assume, then, that this shortfall will be shared by the two municipalities that support the home, our share would be about \$250,000 and represents a 6.4% of our property taxes. With this increase, we would be paying more for the operation of Au Chateau than we are paying for Police Services. This increase is not reasonable and becomes even more unreasonable when you consider that no Temagami resident has ever been placed in this home.

We repeat our plea to have cost certainty and control over our tax increases. It is clear that as long as we are associated with this home this will not happen. We were hopeful that after our last presentation there would be some meaningful discussions on this matter. While there may have been some discussions at the board level, we have yet to receive a response to these. We are also aware that your attention has been drawn to the pandemic response which pay account for some delays. Perhaps the review presently being held of Long Term Care Home in Ontario will also provide some insight and recommendations on how these homes are funded.

Not only are we in the same situation as we were in 2018, some of the fears we highlighted then are being realized. Council is scheduling a meeting to discuss different options that may be available to ensure that other areas of our budget do not erode to absorb this level of increase.

Thank You