

October 19, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
111 Wellesley St. W.
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Motion – Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U)
Support**

At its meeting held October 17, 2023, Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake ratified the following Motion:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Dolly Dickens*

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM U) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities;*

AND FINALLY THAT *a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPP John Vanthof (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association (NOAMA), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.*

CARRIED".

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Montreuil
Municipal Clerk

CC. Hon. Minister and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Ministry of Health (MOH)
Hon. Minister Jill Dunlop, Ministry of Colleges and Universities
John Vanthof, MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming
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Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association (NOAMA)
Timiskaming District Municipalities