

November 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – AMO & OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Patrick Kiely*

WHEREAS *the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered 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 *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% in 2008 to 65% 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;*

AND WHEREAS *these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level;*

AND WHEREAS *in response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario residents and communities;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Kirkland Lake and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care;

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution be forwarded all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming; the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; Timiskaming-Cochrane Member of Provincial Parliament, John Vanthof; the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

CARRIED”

As so directed, a copy of Council’s resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

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

Yours truly,



Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer