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July 18th, 2019

Porcupine Health Unit
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Attention: Maria Cook

Dear Maria:

The Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Units' letter of support dated June 19, 2019 regarding the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, proposed Northeast Public Health entity's boundaries (attached) was tabled at the regular Council Meeting on Thursday, July 11th, 2019.

Council is in full support of the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit's position.

You will find enclosed, a true certified copy of Resolution No. 2019-377 for your records.

Yours truly,

A blue ink signature of Shannon Milley, written in a cursive style.

Shannon Milley
Deputy Clerk
Township of Hornepayne

Encl.

cc: Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Carol Hughes, M.P. Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing
Michael Mantha, M.P.P. Algoma-Manitoulin
Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit

June 19, 2019

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Deputy Premier
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
College Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E9
christine.elliott@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Elliott:

**Re: Letter of Support for Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit
and Proposed Northeastern Boundaries**

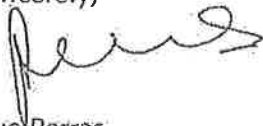
The Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) is supportive of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's (SMDHU) letter dated May 15, 2019, to remain intact and join with York Region Public Health to form a new regional Public Health entity on April 1, 2020.

As the largest geographical public health unit in the Province, the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) is aware of the challenges inherent to ensuring strong and nimble public health coverage while maintaining a local voice and connections.

With the proposed Northeast regional public health entity including the existing five public health units (Public Health Sudbury and Districts, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Algoma Public Health, Timiskaming Health Unit and Porcupine Health Unit), it will be challenging to ensure the local voice and priorities are represented at the regional level. Increasing this area to over 400,000km² to include Muskoka District will create even further challenges to respond to local public health needs. In addition to concerns with capacity and greater geography, there is a risk of increasing health inequities as the Northeast is unique in terms of socioeconomic status, health status, and health care referral patterns compared to Muskoka District.

The Porcupine Health Unit urges the government to reconsider the proposed boundary for the Northeast regional public health entity and keep Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit intact to join York Region Public Health. We remain committed to ensuring a strong, nimble and locally informed public health system in the Northeast and firmly believe this would contribute to those goals.

Sincerely,



Sue Perras
Chairperson, Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit

cc Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Gilles Bission, MMP Timmins-James Bay
John Vanthof, MPP Temiskaming-Cochrane
Guy Bourgouin, MPP Mushkegowuk-James Bay
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY:

[Signature]
signature

NO. 2019-37

SECONDED BY:

Belinda Kistemaker
signature

DATE: JUL 11 2019

WHEREAS the Porcupine Health Unit is the largest geographical public health unit in the Province and is aware of the challenges inherent to ensuring strong and nimble public health coverage while maintain a local voice and connections; and,

WHEREAS the proposed Northeast regional public health entity including the existing five public health units (Public Health Sudbury and Districts, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Algoma Public Health, Timiskaming Health Unit and Porcupine Health unit), it will be challenging to ensure the local voice and priorities are represented at the regional level; and,

WHEREAS increasing this area to over 400,000km² to include the Muskoka District will create even further challenges to respond to local public health needs; and,

WHEREAS there is a risk of increasing health inequities as the Northeast is unique in terms of socioeconomic status, health status, and health care referral patterns compared to Muskoka District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby support the Porcupine Health Unit – Board of Health’s letter dated June 19th, 2019 RE: Letter of Support for Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit and Proposed Northeastern Boundaries (attached);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne does hereby support the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit’s proposal to remain intact and join with York Region Public Health to form a new regional Public Health entity on April 1st, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne does hereby urge the government to reconsider the proposed boundary for the Northeast regional public health entity and keep Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit intact to join York Region Public Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Carol Hughes, M.P. Algoma – Manitoulin – Kapuskasing and Michael Mantha, M.P.P. Algoma – Manitoulin and the Board of Health of the Porcupine Health Unit.

Carried ___ Defeated ___ Deferred


signature of presiding officer

RECORDED VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
Councillor Belinda Kistemaker	___	___	___
Councillor Peter Kistemaker	___	___	___
Councillor Jon Peroff	___	___	___
Councillor Drago Stefanic	___	___	___
Mayor Cheryl Fort	___	___	___

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

(Name) _____ (Name) _____

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

(Clerk)

I, Shannon Milley, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne do certify that this document is a true copy of:
Resolution: 2019-377 By-Law _____
Other: _____
This 18 day of July, 2019
Shannon Milley
Deputy Clerk
Township of Hornepayne 