

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Whereas the Minister of Health and Long Term Care is working to establish a health system in Ontario that is based on helping people stay healthy, delivering good care when people need it, and protecting the health system for future generations; and

Whereas the Ministry of Health has changed its focus to work towards better health care for Ontarians, and stewardship has become its mission and mandate. This new stewardship role will mean that the Ministry will provide overall direction and leadership for the system, developing legislation, regulations, standards, policies and directives to support the health of Ontarians (<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/>); and

Whereas on January 7th, 2016 the Region of Peel received a letter from the Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins, supporting the benefits of water fluoridation as an important measure to protect the health of Ontarians; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario is responsible for The Safe Drinking Water Act, the purposes of which include (i) recognizing that the people of Ontario are entitled to expect their drinking water be safe and (ii) providing for the protection of human health and the prevention of drinking water health hazards through the control and regulation of drinking water systems and drinking water testing.; and

Whereas Municipal Councillors do not have the detailed familiarity or resources to interpret data regarding the efficacy of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid [HFSA] in water fluoridation treatments and are struggling with an increasing range of conflicting reports and divergent scientific evidence and public concern on the matter of fluoridation; therefore be it resolved

That Regional of Peel Council request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Health, whose mandate it is to protect the health of Ontarians, (i) to undertake appropriate and comprehensive toxicity testing necessary to reassure the public that the use HFSA in water fluoridation treatments is safe; and (ii) take legislative responsibility for the regulation and administration of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments across the province relieving local governments from what is a provincial responsibility; and further

That this recommendation be circulated to M.P.P.'s AMO and municipalities across Ontario.