



Office of the Chair

September 1, 2017

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister:

Subject: Response to Motion of the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC-1/2017) Regarding Regional Fluoridation

Further to my letter sent on February 22, 2017, I am following up to see when the Region of Peel can expect a response from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the Region of Peel's Resolution 2017-68 related to community water fluoridation. Previous letters sent are attached for your reference.

Thank you for your attention,

Frank Dale
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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Encl: Letter received from the Premier on March 9, 2017 referring the matter to the Minister of Health and
Letter sent on February 22, 2017 to the Minister of Health

c: Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner, Health Services, Region of Peel
Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel

The Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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March 9, 2017

Mr. Frank Dale
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Suite A
Brampton, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Dale:

Thank you for your letter providing me with a copy of council's resolution regarding water fluoridation. I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

As this issue falls under the responsibility of my colleague the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, I have sent him a copy of council's resolution. I trust that the minister will also take council's views into consideration.

Thank you again for the information. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

c: The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins

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February 22, 2017

Resolution Number 2017-68

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister:

Subject: **Motion of the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC-1/2017)
Regarding Regional Fluoridation**

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2017:

Resolution 2017-68:

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 and Long Term Care has changed its focus to work towards better health care for Ontarians, and stewardship has become its mission and mandate;

And whereas, 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;

And whereas, on January 7, 2016 the Region of Peel received a letter from the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, 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 to interpret data regarding the efficacy of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid [HFSA] in water

fluoridation treatments and are struggling with a range of conflicting reports 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 and Long Term Care, 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 of 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 copies of this resolution be circulated to MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and municipalities across Ontario.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution.



Frank Dale
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Ontario MPP's
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner, Health Services, Region of Peel
Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel