March 15, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
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Dear Premier Wynne,

**Re: Legislation to enforce infection prevention and control practices within invasive personal service settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act**

At its meeting held on March 9, 2016, the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit considered correspondence from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit regarding the above noted matter.

The Board echoes the recommendations outlined in their letter (attached) and it is our hope that you will consider enacting legislation for infection prevention and control requirements for invasive personal service settings under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* with a suitable enforcement program such as short-form wording in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

Yours in health,

*Original signed by*

Scott McDonald  
Chair, Board of Health

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Encl.

cc: Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
MPP Jeff Leal, Peterborough  
MPP Laurie Scott, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes Brock  
Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
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The Hon. Kathleen Wynne  
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Re: Legislation to Enforce Infection Prevention and Control Practices within Invasive Personal Service Settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act

Dear Premier Wynne

Ontario has no legislation regulating infection prevention and control practices to minimize the risk of blood borne disease transmission from practices/procedures performed at invasive Personal Service Settings (PSS). The PSS Protocol under Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) govern the activities of Public Health Units regarding PSS infection control such as causing one inspection per year for invasive services which is the same frequency for non-invasive PSS such as a hair salon.

Public Health Inspectors (PHIs), in accordance with the OPHS and best practices, inspect invasive PSS without provincial legislation that outlines legal requirements for infection control needs and operator responsibilities. Infection prevention and control practices are a major component of assessing invasive PSS to minimize the transmission risks of blood-borne disease.

Invasive PSS such as tattoo/body modification establishments or other invasive PSS require extra attention and time for PHIs to mitigate risk to the public by ensuring operators have adequate infection prevention and control practices in place. The Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit views the importance of public health regulations to minimize the risk of blood-borne disease transmission from invasive personal service settings.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Board of Health therefore urges the Government of Ontario to enact legislation for infection prevention and control requirements for invasive PSS under the Health Protection and Promotion Act with a suitable enforcement program such as short-form wording under the Provincial Offences Act.

Sincerely

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

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HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION

TITLE: Enactment of Legislation to enforce infection prevention and control practices within invasive Personal Service Settings (PSS) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

SPONSOR: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

WHEREAS Ontario has no legislation governing infection prevention and control practices to minimize the risk of blood borne disease transmission from practices/procedures performed at invasive Personal Service Settings (PSS); and

WHEREAS The Personal Service Setting Protocol under the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) governs the activities of public health units regarding PSS infection control; and

WHEREAS The OPHS mandate one inspection per year for invasive personal service settings, which is the same frequency for non-invasive PSS such as a hair salon; and

WHEREAS Public Health Inspectors (PHIs), in accordance with the OPHS and best practices, inspect invasive PSS without provincial legislation that outlines legal requirements for infection control needs and operator responsibilities; and

WHEREAS Infection prevention and control practices are a major component of assessing invasive PSS to minimize the transmission risks of blood-borne disease; and

WHEREAS Invasive PSS such as tattoo/body modification establishments or other invasive PSS require extra attention and time for PHIs to mitigate risk to the public by ensuring operators have adequate infection prevention and control practices in place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Board of Health strongly recommends and urgently requests the Government of Ontario to enact legislation implementing infection prevention and control requirements for invasive personal service settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act with a suitable enforcement program such as short-form wording under the Provincial Offences Act to allow for the enforcement of non-compliance with the legislation under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

AND FURTHER that the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Board of Health strongly recommends and urgently requests that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies advocate to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, to enact legislation implementing infection prevention and control requirements for invasive personal service settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act with a suitable enforcement program such as short-form wording under the Provincial Offences Act to allow for the enforcement of non-compliance with the legislation under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.