September 25, 2009

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen’s Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
RE: REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL RESOLUTION
OUR FILE: F16-02

Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on September 23, 2009 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

THAT the following resolution of the Municipality of Peel dated June 4, 2009, with respect to the funding gap in health and social services in the Greater Toronto Area/905, be endorsed:

'WHEREAS, Ontarians believe in the principle of fairness, that fairness defines who we are and how we live;

AND WHEREAS, the high growth communities in Ontario grow at more than twice the rate of the provincial population growth rate and are aging at twice the provincial rate;

AND WHEREAS, population growth in these regions will further intensify due to Ontario's 25-year growth plan, Places to Grow;

AND WHEREAS, as of 2008/09 Ontarian's residing in the Local Health Integration Networks ( LHINs) within high growth communities are receiving $255 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to residents in other LHINs in Ontario, which translates into a $1.4 billion annual operating funding gap for local hospital services — and these provincial funding gaps are worsening each year;

AND WHEREAS, residents of the Region of Peel as part of the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN are receiving $272 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a $272 million annual operating funding gap for local hospital services;
AND WHEREAS, Ontarians living in high growth communities of the GTA/905 are receiving $193 less per resident for provincially funded local social services when compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a $641.9 million annual operating funding gap for local provincially funded social services – and these provincial funding inequities also worsening each year;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has acknowledged the growing funding gaps for hospital services in high growth communities by committing during the 2007 provincial election to provide $100 million in additional annual operating funding to high growth hospitals;

AND WHEREAS, the provision of $30 million in hospital growth funding for 2008/09 still means that the provincial funding gap for hospital care continues to widen in high growth communities;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has announced that it is developing and will implement a new Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM) to allocate new health care resources to Local Health Integration Networks based on patient care needs and to address health care funding inequities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has successfully secured from the federal government greater fairness for Ontario resulting in additional funding for Ontario through the Canada Health Transfer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to improve timely and local access to health and social services in the Region of Peel and across high growth communities in Ontario, the Council of the Region of Peel asks the Government of Ontario to:

1. Speed up implementation of the $100m hospital growth funding commitment ensuring the growth funding is targeted to high growth hospitals and provide growth funding for social services;
2. Quickly implement "Health Based Allocation Model" (HBAM) i.e., population-needs-based funding for provincial hospital and health care services and develop a population-needs-based funding formula for social services, and;
3. Develop a health and social services growth plan for Ontario high growth communities to complement Places to Grow.

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, and Peel-area MPPs, High Growth Communities Mayors and Chairs, and the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN.

b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Finance, Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Durham's MPPs and municipalities, Central East LHIN, Chief Medical Officer of Health, aIPhA, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel and York, the County of Simcoe and the City of Welland be so advised.

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