June 21, 2016

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
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Dear Minister Hoskins,

Re: Community Water Fluoridation

At its meeting held on June 8, 2016, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health considered correspondence from the Porcupine Health Unit regarding the above noted matter.

The Board echoes the recommendations outlined in their resolution (attached), and appreciates your attention to this important public health issue.

Yours in health,

Original signed by

Scott McDonald
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: MPP Jeff Leal, Peterborough
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Dear Minister Hoskins,

On April 22, 2016, the Porcupine Health Unit Board of Health passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the relationship between poor oral health and poor physical and mental health is clear; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between poor oral health and risks associated with childhood development are known; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the community of lower socio-economic status suffer a more significant burden of poor health; and

WHEREAS, providing fluoride via community water offers the positive benefits equally for everyone in the community; and

WHEREAS, global health experts and evidence support community water fluoridation to prevent tooth decay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Porcupine Health Unit recommends that the Province of Ontario amend the regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act to require community water fluoridation for all municipal water systems (when source-water levels are below the Health Canada-recommended level of 0.7 mg/L) to prevent dental caries; and

FURTHER THAT, the Province provide the funding and technical support to municipalities to implement community water fluoridation.

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue.

Yours very truly,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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