June 8, 2012

Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on June 6, 2012 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"WHEREAS infection with HPV types 6 and 11 causes anogenital warts and with HPV types 16 and 18 is associated with cancers of the penis, anus, mouth, and oropharynx in males; and

WHEREAS more than 70% of sexually active men and women are infected with HPV at least once in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS HPV infection is associated with a significant burden of anogenital warts and anogenital and head and neck cancer; and

WHEREAS in Canada, of the ~150 men and ~200 women who are diagnosed with anal cancer every year, 80 to 90% of cases are HPV positive; and

WHEREAS in February 2010, a quadrivalent HPV vaccine (Gardasil) was authorized by Health Canada to expand its indications to include males 9 to 26 years of age for the prevention of anal cancer caused by HPV types 16 and 18 and anal intraepithelial neoplasia grades 1, 2, and 3 caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16 and 18; and

WHEREAS in January 2012, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) advised that Gardasil be recommended for use in males between 9 and 26 years of age for the prevention of anal intraepithelial neoplasia grades 1, 2, and 3, anal cancer, and anogenital warts (NACI Grade A Recommendation); and

WHEREAS NACI also advised that Gardasil be recommended in males between 9 and 26 years of age for the prevention of penile, perianal, and perineal intraepithelial neoplasia and associated cancers (NACI Grade B Recommendation); and
WHEREAS all grade 8 female students are eligible to receive 3 publicly funded doses of Gardasil through public health school-based immunization clinics;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham urges the Ontario government to expand Ontario’s Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule to make Gardasil available to male students through public health school-based immunization clinics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Education, Finance and Health and Long-Term Care, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, aPHa, AMO and all Ontario boards of health be so advised; and

THAT this resolution be submitted to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aPHa) for consideration at its 2012 Annual Conference.”

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Regional Clerk

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c: The Honourable E. Hoskins, Minister of Children and Youth Services
The Honourable L. Broten, Minister of Education
The Honourable D. Duncan, Minister of Finance
The Honourable D. Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
A. King, Chief Medical Officer of Health,
D. Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada
L. Stewart, Executive Director, aPHa
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Ontario boards of health
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health