July 11, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-627

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

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Subject: Provincial Fees in Health Services

I am writing to advise that Peel Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on June 23, 2011:

"Whereas, the Region of Peel assumed responsibility for the delivery of land ambulance service January 1, 2001;

And whereas, the Region of Peel entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) for a subsidized 50/50 cost-sharing model;

And whereas, the operating funding for ambulance delivery supported by the Region is provided through Regional tax dollars;

And whereas, the current distribution of revenues from ambulance user co-payments does not reflect the municipal responsibilities for delivering ambulance services and the 50/50 cost sharing with the Ministry;

And whereas, the ambulance user fee of $45 has not been adjusted for nearly 20 years;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, on behalf of Regional Council, requesting that 100 per cent of the funds collected through ambulance user co-payments be allocated to the Region of Peel to lessen the burden on the Regional taxpayer;

And further, that the ambulance user fee co-payment be reviewed and adjusted to reflect a rate which is based on today’s costs for delivering this essential service;
And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all designated delivery agents in Ontario, Peel-area MPPs, the CEOs and Chairs of the Mississauga-Halton and Central West Local Health Integration Networks, and the Presidents of all three Peel-area hospitals."

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply. Please quote the Region of Peel’s reference number in your reply.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health
Peter Dundas, Chief and Director, Peel Paramedic Services

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