September 20, 2007

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
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MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 RE: SUDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT RESOLUTION
OUR FILE: P10

Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on September 19, 2007 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"a) THAT the following resolution of the Board of Health for the Sudbury & District Health Unit regarding continued 100% provincial funding of the Ontario Heart Health Project be endorsed:

'WHEREAS the Ontario Heart Health Project – Taking Action for Healthy Living (OHHP-TAFHL) promotes and supports 36 community-based heart health and chronic disease prevention projects across Ontario, including the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project has established an elaborate network of community partnerships and actively engages 80 Heart Health volunteers in grassroots initiatives that address physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, exposure to tobacco smoke and coping with stress; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Charter states that effective community development requires full and continuous access to information, learning opportunities for health, as well as funding support; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health Promotion's funding for Phase II (2003-2007) of the OHPP-TAFHL ends in December 2007; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Health Board of Health, as the community host agency has demonstrated a 10-year history of support for the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project;"
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Health Promotion to build on the strengths of the current OHHP-TAFHL model and infrastructure and to maintain the momentum of local heart health projects by securing continued funding for Phase III of the OHHP-TAFHL; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be shared with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health Promotion, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Ontario Heart Health Network, Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Management Group and all Ontario Boards of Health.; and

b) The Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Finance, Health and Long Term Care and Health Promotion, Durham’s MPPs, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health and all Ontario boards of health be so advised."

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Regional Clerk

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c: The Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance
The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister Of Health & Long Term Care
The Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion
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