

March 20, 2014

Right Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Public Health Unit Funding for Enactment of the Skin Cancer Prevention Act

Dear Right Honourable Premier Wynne;

The Middlesex-London Board of Health wishes to commend you for the successful passage of the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act (Tanning Beds)*, 2013. This comprehensive legislation will prevent skin cancer by protecting youth from the harmful effects of exposure to ultraviolet radiation through the use of tanning beds.

At its March 20, 2014 meeting, the Middlesex-London Board of Health considered Report No. 020-14 re: "Skin Cancer Prevention Act Regulations and Required Resources" and passed the following:

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____:

- 1) *That the Board of Health endorse Report No. 020-14 re: "Skin Cancer Prevention Act Regulations and Required Resources"; and,*
- 2) *That the Board of Health send a letter, attached as Appendix B, to the Right Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne and to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care to commend the Ontario Government for the Skin Cancer Prevention Act, and to advocate for adequate public health unit funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support public health unit enforcement and promotion activities.*

A copy of Report No. 020-14 is attached for your reference.

Evidence suggests that, through self-regulation, the tanning industry has not been compliant with voluntary regulations. There is strong evidence that active surveillance and mandatory compliance inspections conducted by public health units are necessary to ensure compliance with the *Act* and the regulations. To fulfill this additional mandate, adequate funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is required.

The Middlesex-London Board of Health welcomes any and all opportunities to work with our partners at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support the successful implementation and enforcement of this important piece of public health legislation.

Sincerely,

Marcel Meyer
Chair, Middlesex-London Board of Health