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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Minister Jones:

**Re: Public Health Funding**

I am pleased to share with you Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health motion in support of the Board of Health for the City of Hamilton, which calls on the provincial government to improve funding to Public Health.

At its meeting on May 18, 2023, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #31-23:

*THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts endorse the recommendations of the Board of Health for the City of Hamilton and urge the provincial government to:*

- *Fully fund the provincial portion, at least 70%, of the total costs of the mandatory public health programs and services provided under the OPHS;*
- *Continue the current mitigation funding until such time as the cost-shared arrangement is restored to the mixed 100% and 75%/25% model as it was the public health budget for 2018-2019; and,*
- *Include expectations or on-going response in the OPHS and provide permanent funding to sustain these requirements.*

Boards of Health play a key role in improving the health of communities and Public Health Sudbury & Districts is committed to an effective and accountable public health system. With inflation costs, increasing costs in wages and benefits and operating expenses, there are growing concerns about our ability

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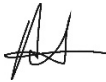
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to meet the requirements of provincial legislation and related documents including the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and the increasing needs of our communities with the current provincial funding policy. It is critical that Public Health be adequately resourced. Without adequate funding, our ability to deliver on our requirements risk erosion over time impacting the health of our communities. We urge the government to support sufficient, stable, and sustained funding for local public health agencies.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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