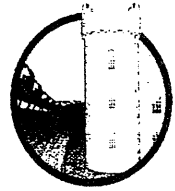


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Hon. George Smitherman,
Minister of Health & Long Term Care,
Legislative Building, Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

March 10, 2006.

Dear Sir:

Malahide Township Council unanimously passed the following Resolution on March 9, 2006:

Moved by: John R. Wilson

Seconded by: Mark Widner

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) released a report entitled "Ontario Physician Shortage 2005" and,

WHEREAS said Report predicts that the Provincial Physician Shortage will reach 2,300 this year; and
WHEREAS our population continues to grow and as more and more physicians are retiring, the problem will grow worse over time; and

WHEREAS the Physician shortage is particularly pronounced in rural Ontario as reduced enrollments in medical schools in previous years has reduced the flow of family physicians to rural communities; and,
WHEREAS Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the country side; and,
WHEREAS the OMA estimates that there are over 10,000 Canadian trained Physicians currently practicing in the United States; and,

WHEREAS allowing Physicians with recognized equivalency to commence practice in Ontario would facilitate the influx of doctors in Ontario in a relatively short period of time; and,

WHEREAS an amendment to the Ontario Medicine Act to allow the recognition of specific Medical Exams as equivalent would permit the College of Physicians and Surgeons to grant licenses to practice medicine in Ontario to those Physicians who are in good standing and have written the necessary examinations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in an effort to expedite the availability of doctors in Ontario, particularly in rural Ontario, the Township of Malahide Municipal Council hereby requests that the Minister of Health for Ontario propose an amendment to the Medicine Act to permit the College of Physicians and Surgeons to license physicians who are in good standing and who have written the necessary examinations thereby bringing additional fully qualified physicians, ready to commence practice immediately to our Province, while long-term solutions are being implemented; and
THAT Copies of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the County of Elgin, and all Elgin lower-tier municipalities, the County of Middlesex, the City of St. Thomas, Mr. Steve Peters, MPP, Mr. Joe Preston, MP, Leaders of the Opposition, Federal Minister of Health, Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for circulation to and support from every municipality in Ontario.

We look forward to hearing from you with respect to this matter.

Yours very truly,

TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE

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SUSAN E. WILSON
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