



TOWN OF

HALTON HILLS

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - *p36*

Re: Funding for Smaller Hospitals

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 2005 adopted the following:

Resolution No. 2005-0076

WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York have been and will continue to be the fastest growing regions in Ontario, collectively growing at twice the provincial rate of growth by adding more than 90,000 new residents each year;

AND WHEREAS each year until at least 2011, the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York will welcome and accommodate almost half of Ontario's annual growth in population;

AND WHEREAS each year until at least 2011, the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York will experience a rate of growth in its population of seniors at twice the provincial growth rate of seniors;

AND WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York collectively receive three-quarters of the age-weighted per capita funding for total health care services when compared to 33 regions¹ across Ontario (resulting in a funding gap of \$866 million in annual funding that includes \$545 funding gap for hospitals and \$60 million funding gap for CCACs);

AND WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York comprise more than 40 per cent of the *Priority and Emerging Urban Centres* as identified by the Ontario Government's 2004 report *PLACES TO GROW: Better Choice. Brighter Future. A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. Discussion Paper.

AND WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York are on average, some of the lowest cost providers of the five health care services being targeted by the Ontario Government for reduction in wait times;

AND WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York will collectively contribute more than \$570 million each year in Health Premium revenue to Provincial coffers (once fully implemented for 2005/06) making up 26% of \$2.2 billion in Health Premium Revenue being collected from Ontario residents;

AND WHEREAS the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York are facing a collective funding short-fall of \$88 million for 2004/05 and a deficit forecast of \$126 million for 2005/06 which will require a significant reduction in health care services for the GTA/905 Region, layoffs of nursing and other staff, and increased wait times for many important health care services;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has received over \$800 million in new health care funding from the Federal Government and stands to receive an additional \$1.2 billion in the 2005/06 fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS the provision of health care and treatment close to home for the more than three million residents living in the GTA/905 Regions of Halton, Peel, Durham and York is consistent with improving access to care and contributes to improved quality of care due to better services coordination from one level of care to another;

AND WHEREAS the building of hospital infrastructure and the purchasing of medical equipment and health care technology is essential for providing effective health care in GTA/905 communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GTA/905 Mayors and Chairs demand that the Ontario Government IMMEDIATELY address the 2004/05 funding shortfalls of \$88 million for GTA/905 hospitals providing care for GTA/905 residents;

AND FURTHER THAT given the Ontario Government's creation of Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs), and the need to more equitably allocate health care funds to regions across Ontario, the Ontario Government make it a priority to create and use a population, needs-based funding formula for LHINs, that reflects:

- current population, future population growth and aging
- the increased costs of providing health care services in rural areas, and
- the increased costs of multi-site health care organizations

AND FURTHER THAT the Provincial Government make legislative/regulatory changes so that revenue generated by municipalities/regions through Development Charges can be used to support the construction/renovations of hospitals.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to AMO and the 905 area municipalities.

**Comparison EXCLUDES Northern Ontario and regions containing large teaching hospitals having a larger regional responsibility for the provision of health care services*

Sincerely,



Leesa Emmerson,
Legislative Coordinator

c. All 905 Municipalities