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The Honourable George Smitherman  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
Queen's Park  
80 Grosvenor St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block  
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4



REGION OF NIAGARA  
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE NO. - P34

Dear Honourable Minister:

### Resolution

### Co-payment Invoicing and Revenue Collection

### Land Ambulance Service

### Our File No. R.04.0999

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara approved the following recommendation of its Public Health Services Committee:

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto is seeking approval from the Ontario Provincial Government to collect the ambulance co-payment fee of forty-five dollars (\$45); and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Huron has solicited support from all Upper Tier Municipalities to support the actions of the City of Toronto to seek a change to the invoicing to UTMs providing ambulance service; and

WHEREAS approximately 30,000 patients per year have been transported by Niagara Region's Land Ambulance Service, and were subsequently billed a co-payment fee by designated hospitals as indicated in the Health Insurance Act; and

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara receives no portion of the current co-payment fee of forty-five dollars (\$45) despite providing the land ambulance service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

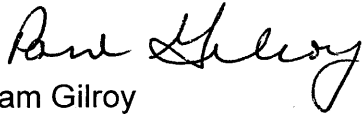
THAT the Regional Municipality of Niagara support the actions of the City of Toronto and further request that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care alter the existing co-payment structure to allow co-payment invoicing and revenue collection by the UTMs providing land ambulance service; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to UTM municipalities and counties providing land ambulance service; and

Circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for support.”

By copy of this letter to Regional and Single Tier Clerks of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, we are seeking support of this resolution.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Gilroy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pam" and last name "Gilroy" clearly distinguishable.

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk

cc: Regional and Single Tier Clerks  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
J. Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services