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**RE: Lyme Disease
Minute Item 9.3, CL 6-2016, April 28, 2016**

Dear Ministers:

Regional Council at its meeting held on April 28, 2016, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the number of cases of ticks positive for Lyme disease is increasing throughout Ontario and specifically in Niagara Region;

Whereas the laboratory testing for and diagnosis of Lyme disease is sub-optimal;
and

Whereas there are chronic sufferers of long term consequences of this disease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **REQUEST** the Province of Ontario to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease;
2. That Niagara Region **REQUEST** the Government of Canada to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease and determine better treatment for long term outcomes of Lyme disease;
3. That this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement; and
4. That this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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