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Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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Dear Mr. Minister:

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound at its November 30, 2015 Council Meeting considered Resolution No. 15-22-267, adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Brockton on October 26, 2015, and adopted Resolution 151130-008 as follows:

R-151130-008

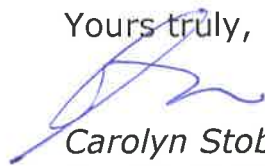
"THAT City Council Adopt Resolution 15-22-267 from the Municipality of Brockton respecting Support for the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Oppose New Funding Model as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has, on September 4, 2015, released the 2013 report of the Funding Review Working Group with respect to a public health funding model for Mandatory Programs, which it has accepted for the 2015 budget year and beyond;
and WHEREAS, based upon current information, the model indicates that approximately 80% of Public Health Units in the Province of Ontario are overfunded, which in and of itself calls into question, the validity of said model;
and WHEREAS, in some large centres there is a possibility that these extra public health funds could effectively be consumed by larger municipal budgets and not utilized for additional public health services;
and WHEREAS, under this model, health units who have been identified as being overfunded, may have many years of shrinking public health services, in the face of higher costs, due to having to deal with a flat lined budget allocation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Owen Sound support the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit and opposes this new funding model and the radical long-term shifting of public health resources to wealthier urban centres of the Province, at the direct expense of Northern and Rural Health Units in the Province, who are much less able to replace those lost funds than our growing urban centered health units;

AND FURTHER THAT, the City of Owen Sound calls for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to reverse their decision to support this report, and revise the funding formula which appears biased against smaller, Northern and Rural Health Units."

Yours truly,



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On behalf of Mayor Ian C. Boddy and Members of Council

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