

May 31, 2016

Re: Cutbacks to Behavioural Therapy for Children Affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder

At the regular meeting of The Township of Gillies held May 24, 2016, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Shelburne regarding cutbacks to behavioural therapy for children affected by autism spectrum disorder.

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Council at the meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/122

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services; Alexander Bezzina, Deputy Minister; Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health; and Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, requesting the Province to:

1. Amend its policy to one that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised them;
2. Remove the limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age; and
3. Ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on 'development progress' criteria and milestones; and
4. Adopt a Direct Funding Offering (DFO) model in lieu of the current Direct Service Offering (DSO) model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities within the Province of Ontario

CARRIED

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 807-475-3185 or gillies@tbaytel.net.

Sincerely,



Shara Lavallée
Clerk