

February 16, 2022

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
5775 Yonge St. – 16th Floor
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Sent via email

To The Honourable Christine Elliott:

Re: 2022-118 South East Grey Community Health Centre – Primary care business case

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 16, 2022, meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2022-118

Aakash Desai, Tom Allwood

Whereas the Municipality of Grey Highlands values and supports the community-based health services provided by South East Grey Community Health Centre; and Whereas access to primary care is an essential element of ensuring a healthy and vibrant community; and

Whereas our citizens are presently underserved as evidenced by a growing waitlist of people who are in need of a Physician or Nurse Practitioner to look after their health care needs; and

Whereas effective primary care is cost effective as it reduces the need for people to access health care via the Emergency Department of our hospitals; and

Whereas we understand that South East Grey Community Health Centre has presented a business case Ontario Health in May 2021, that requests an increase of \$1.4 million to its base funding which would allow it to add much needed medical staff and enable greater access to primary care; and

Whereas we are also aware that Ontario Health forwarded this business case to the Ministry of Health in December 2021; now

Therefor be it resolved that Grey Highlands fully supports this request and strongly encourages the Ministry to provide a speedy approval so that we can ensure our citizens receive much needed access to primary care; and

That staff are directed to send a copy of this resolution to MPP Bill Walker, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, Deputy Minister of Health Dr. Catherine Zahn, President and CEO of Ontario Health Mathew Anderson, Chief Regional Officer Central and West Susan deRyk, Assistant Deputy Minister Patrick

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County lower tiers.
CARRIED.**

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine

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Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Bill Walker, MPP Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound
Dr. Catherine Zahn, Deputy Minister of Health
Mathew Anderson, President and CEO of Ontario Health
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