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To whom it may concern:

Re: Letter of Support for the South East Grey Community Health Centre

The Township of Southgate values and supports the community based health services provided by the South East Grey Community Health Centre and access to primary care is an essential element of ensuring a healthy and vibrant community.

Our citizens are presently underserved which is evidenced by a growing waitlist of people who are in need of a Physician or Nurse Practitioner to look after their health care needs. You are no doubt aware that effective primary care is cost effective as it reduces the need for people to access health care via the Emergency Departments of our hospitals.

We understand that the South East Grey Community Health Centre presented a business case to Ontario Health in May 2021, that requests an increase of \$1.4 million to its base funding which would allow them to add much needed medical staff and enable greater access to primary care. Ontario Health forwarded this business case to the Ministry of Health in December 2021.

The Township of Southgate 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.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss further.

Regards,

Mayor John Woodbury
Township of Southgate

cc: The Honourable Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
The Honourable Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Dr. Catherine Zahn, Deputy Minister of Health
Patrick Dicerni, Assistant Deputy Minister of Health
Nadia Surani, Director, Primary Health Care
Mathew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health
Susan deRyk, Chief Regional Officer, Ontario Health, Central and West