

June 4, 2012

Honourable Dalton McGuinty Premier of Ontario Legislative Building – Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Re: Ontario 2012 Budget and Social Assistance Freeze

At its May 16, 2012 meeting, the Perth District Board of Health considered correspondence from Timiskaming Health Unit which contained the following resolution:

- 1. The Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health urge the provincial government to re-examine the 2012 Ontario budget and implement a strategy to reduce expenditures without affecting Ontario's most marginalized populations by freezing social assistant programs and child benefits. This will include a letter from the Board of Health to Premier McGuinty, and a letter to the editor for local newsprint;
- 2. That a copy of the letter to Premier McGuinty and of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Minister of Child and Youth Services, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and Boards of Health requesting that they endorse the resolution without delay.

I would like to make you aware that this resolution was supported by the Board of the Perth District Health Unit.

Yours truly

Randy C. Brown, Secretary
Board of Health of the Perth District Health Unit

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