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RE: MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED MAY 16, 2013, RE: CHILDREN IN NEED OF TREATMENT PROGRAM (CINOT) AND HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO PROGRAM (HSO)
OUR FILE: P00-48

Honourable Premier, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on June 5, 2013 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"WHEREAS people cannot be healthy without good oral health; and

WHEREAS the Children in Need of Treatment program (CINOT), which provides emergency/essential dental care free-of-charge to children in low-income families, was expanded to include children up to 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (HSO) was launched on October 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS HSO ensures that Ontario kids can have no-cost regular visits with a dentist or dental hygienist; and

WHEREAS children who are 17 years and under, are members of a household with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$20,000 per year or less, and do not have access to any form of dental coverage are eligible to receive HSO services; and

WHEREAS CINOT and HSO are administered by Ontario's 36 boards of health; and

WHEREAS the value of these programs have been highlighted in the Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy Annual Reports; and

WHEREAS the CINOT expansion and HSO are 100% provincially funded; and

WHEREAS the provincial funding for these programs may sunset as early as the Fall of 2013;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham urges the Ontario government to continue to provide boards of health with 100% provincial funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Ontario boards of health continue to administer these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Health and Long-Term Care, and Finance, Durham's MPPs, Chief Medical Officer of Health, alPha, AMO, OAPHD, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, and all Ontario boards of health be so advised."



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- c: The Honourable T. Piruzza, Minister of Children and Youth Services
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