



## Office of the Chair

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February 22, 2017

Resolution Number 2017-68

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Subject: **Motion of the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC-1/2017)  
Regarding Regional Fluoridation**

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I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2017:

**Resolution 2017-68:**

Whereas the Minister of Health and Long Term Care is working to establish a health system in Ontario that is based on helping people stay healthy, delivering good care when people need it, and protecting the health system for future generations;

And whereas, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has changed its focus to work towards better health care for Ontarians, and stewardship has become its mission and mandate;

And whereas, this new stewardship role will mean that the Ministry will provide overall direction and leadership for the system, developing legislation, regulations, standards, policies and directives to support the health of Ontarians;

And whereas, on January 7, 2016 the Region of Peel received a letter from the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, supporting the benefits of water fluoridation as an important measure to protect the health of Ontarians;

And whereas, the Province of Ontario is responsible for *The Safe Drinking Water Act*, the purposes of which include (i) recognizing that the people of Ontario are entitled to expect their drinking water be safe and (ii) providing for the protection of human health and the prevention of drinking water health hazards through the control and regulation of drinking water systems and drinking water testing;

And whereas, Municipal Councillors do not have the detailed familiarity to interpret data regarding the efficacy of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid [HFSA] in water

fluoridation treatments and are struggling with a range of conflicting reports and public concern on the matter of fluoridation;

Therefore be it resolved, that Regional of Peel Council request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, whose mandate it is to protect the health of Ontarians, (i) to undertake appropriate and comprehensive toxicity testing necessary to reassure the public that the use of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments is safe; and (ii) take legislative responsibility for the regulation and administration of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments across the province relieving local governments from what is a provincial responsibility;

And further, that copies of this resolution be circulated to MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and municipalities across Ontario.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Dale', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Dale  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Ontario MPP's  
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities  
Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner, Health Services, Region of Peel  
Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel