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Councillor Carmen McGregor
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Dear Councillor McGregor,

Thank you for your board's organization and hosting of the 2019 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPha) Annual General Meeting (AGM). During this critical period of transition the opportunity to exchange information and hear different perspectives is very important.

As you are aware, Peterborough's late resolution was accepted for consideration. After a thorough discussion and debate, the resolution was approved with minor wording changes. The Peterborough Board appreciates the support of other boards of health and those who were in attendance.

With the adoption of the resolution at the AGM, the alPha board is now bound by its content. In that respect I am inquiring about alPha's plan to implement the approved actions. More specifically, could you please copy Peterborough Public Health on your follow-up to the province in respect of:

- a. Calling upon the Ontario government to delay the implementation of any organizational and financial changes to local public health until April 1, 2021;
- b. Calling upon the Ontario government to commit to engage in meaningful consultation over the next 18 months; and
- c. Calling upon the Ontario government to phase in any changes to the cost shared funding formula over five years commencing in fiscal 2021-22;

In addition could you also provide us a copy of your request of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto to establish a joint task force mandated to undertake:

- a. Establishing a set of principles that should guide any reorganization of public health in Ontario that include
- b. Conducting public outreach to municipal, public health and other stake holders to validate and strengthen the comprehensive set of principles to shape future re-organization; and
- c. Meeting with provincial politicians and officials to provide a municipal and public health perspective on any proposed changes and including the outcomes of consultation

My board is anxious to see progress on our resolution and would like to ensure a more robust response to our 2019 resolution than was provided to our 2018 resolution.

In response to our request, at our June 12th board meeting, your Executive Director, Loretta Ryan, provided us with the ultimate disposition of our 2018 resolution, entitled "Sustainable Funding for Local Public Health in Ontario". It is clear that not all of the recommended actions contained in that resolution were acted on and we are disappointed that commitments made at the 2018 AGM appear to have been ignored without accountability to the membership. We are sincerely hopeful that this will not be the case yet again.

I look forward to your timely reply.

Yours in health,

Original signed by

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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