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VIA EMAIL

Mayors / Reeves
Constituent Municipalities within the
Sudbury & District Health Unit
Catchment Area

Dear Mayor or Reeve:

Re: Sustainable Mobility

At its meeting on April 21, 2011, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #19-11:

WHEREAS major diseases affecting the quality and length of life of Canadians are linked to physical inactivity; and

WHEREAS in June 2007, the Sudbury & District Board of Health motion #36-07 identified the need to enhance public health programming in order to address supportive environments for physical activity; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Public Health Standards (2008) require that boards of health work with municipalities to support healthy public policies, including policies that enhance the built environment for physical activity; and

WHEREAS in 2009, the Canadian Medical Association issued their Active Transportation policy statement identifying essential roles for communities and governments; and

WHEREAS local communities are taking seriously their role in creating supportive environments for sustainable mobility, with for example, the January 2010 endorsement of the Espanola Active Community Charter by the Council of the Town of Espanola and the June 2010 City of Greater Sudbury Policy Committee support for the Sustainable Mobility Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury; and

WHEREAS in 2011, the Partners for Community Wellness (Healthy Communities Fund Partnership) identified that access to recreation and sustainable mobility initiatives are key to achieving their wellness goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health recognize that coordinated efforts with municipal governments, public health and other sectors is required in order to develop a comprehensive, community-based approach to address sustainable mobility; and

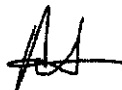
FURTHERMORE THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health encourage all municipalities within the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts to develop long-term plans for sustainable mobility; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to all Ontario boards of health, provincial government partners and local members of provincial parliament, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHA) and Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

A Sudbury & District Health Unit staff will be in contact with your office to discuss any questions that you may have regarding to this motion, to share pertinent resources and to discuss future collaboration related to sustainable mobility for your municipality.

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue.

Yours sincerely,



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