



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of Committee of the Whole**

**From:** **Allan Seabrooke, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Meeting Date:** **October 17, 2016**

**Subject:** **Report CAO16-013**  
**Additional Health Care Funding Request**

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## **Purpose**

A report to seek Council approval to send correspondence to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, to express concern for the lack of provincial funding associated with health care, public health and paramedic services.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CAO16-013, dated October 17, 2016, of the Chief Administrative Officer, as follows:

- a) That the letter, attached as Appendix A, expressing the concern for the lack of provincial funding associated with health care, public health and paramedic services be approved and,
- b) That the letter be sent to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and copied to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budget and financial implications to sending a letter expressing concern for health care funding levels.

## **Background**

There is a direct service delivery and financial relationship between the Province of Ontario and municipalities for many health care related services such as Land Ambulance/Paramedic services, long term care and public health. The municipalities' portion of these costs is paid for through property taxes. There have been significant annual increases in costs to municipalities resulting from increased service demand and provincial funding models that do not adequately address service delivery demands or the need for system enhancements to meet the service demand and maintain the many legislated and/or regulated standards.

At the Joint Services Steering Committee of September 8, 2016, the following motion was adopted:

That Joint Services committee request the City and County CAO's draft a letter for endorsement by both City and County Councils, to be sent to AMO, the Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and MPP Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, expressing concern for the lack of provincial funding associated with health care, public health and paramedic services.

The letter, attached to this report as Appendix A, will be signed by the Chief Administrative Officers of both the City and the County. The letter will also be submitted to County Council for approval.

Submitted by,

Allan Seabrooke  
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A – Letter to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, signed by Allan Seabrooke, CAO, City of Peterborough and Gary King, CAO, County of Peterborough

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October XX, 2016

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The Honourable Eric Hoskins  
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Re: Long-Term Health Care Funding

Dear Premier Wynne and Minister Hoskins:

Under the **Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007**, every upper or single tier municipality is mandated to maintain at least one municipal home. The City and County of Peterborough fulfill this responsibility, jointly owning a 256 bed municipal long term care home that was established in 1960.

Long term care costs are escalating while provincial funding is increasingly insufficient to meet the true costs of long term care provision. Fairhaven is at a point where it is challenged to continue operations at the same level of quality care and legislative compliance without increased funding support.

In addition, as a result of the aging of the Baby Boom generation, we have the greatest increase in our senior population that has ever been seen before and over a relatively short period of time. This is contributing to increased demand for other health care services in the public health sector and land ambulance/paramedic services. The costs for these services are also rising at alarming rates along with concern to maintain quality for our residents.

This matter was discussed at City of Peterborough and County Council meetings with the following resolution passed:

Whereas there is a direct service delivery and financial relationship between the Province of Ontario and municipalities for many health care related services such as Land Ambulance/Paramedic services, Long Term Care and public health,

And whereas the municipalities portion of these costs are borne through property taxation,

And whereas there have been significant annual increases in costs to municipalities resulting from increased service demand and/or from inappropriate provincial funding models that do not adequately address service delivery demands or the need for system enhancements to meet the service demand and maintain the many legislated and/or regulated standards,

Now, therefore be it resolved;

THAT the City and County of Peterborough Joint Services Steering Committee recommend to the Councils of the City and County of Peterborough, the following;

1. That a letter be sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Health and Long Term Care Eric Hoskins requesting additional Health Care funding to offset the ongoing and rising health care services costs that are being borne by municipalities on the property tax base.
2. That the Province not download any additional or future costs for land ambulance/paramedic services, long term care, or public health.
3. That, subject to endorsement by the City and County Council, a copy of the letter be sent to AMO and to Jeff Leal MPP and Laurie Scott MPP.

We look forward to your response and continuing to work in partnership with the Province to ensure all aspects of health care services are delivered at the highest level for all residents.

Regards,

Allan Seabrooke  
Chief Administrative Officer  
City of Peterborough

Gary King  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County of Peterborough

cc: The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario