



RESOLUTION

Date: April 7, 2004

Resolution #: 07-0204
Advocacy for Provincial On-Call Funding

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Mandatory Program and Services Guidelines do not clearly delineate 24 hour response for on-call services and staff; and

WHEREAS issues in the last 3 years including Walkerton, Bioterrorism, West Nile Virus and SARS have clearly indicated the need for more urgent response to the public and government on a 24 hour, 7 day per week basis; and

WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer has clearly indicated the mandate of the Ministry to require local health units and their Medical Officers of Health to be available on an on-call basis, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week basis; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Health Unit has assigned staffing resources to ensure the required on-call system is in place 24/7;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit supports the Thunder Ba Health Unit's resolution and correspondence to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to fund the costs of regular on-call service provisions, as well as emerging/emergency response activities, province-wide and on a local level on a 100% provincial funded basis.

The Timiskaming Health Unit believes that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care should make this investment to ensure an enhanced full-time public health response system in the Province of Ontario to deal with outbreaks or other public health crises.

FURTHER THAT a copy of these letters be forwarded to our local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and all Ontario health units.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred

Vice-Chair - Board of Health