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Dear Mr. Fleming:

At the June 2008 meeting of Algoma Public Health's Board of Directors, two resolutions were passed after a discussion regarding two key determinants of health – housing and income.

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I am forwarding these resolutions for your information and to broaden this necessary discussion in the interest of improving the health of our populations.

Resolution #1:

Whereas it is accepted that one of the key determinants of health that determines the health of a community is adequate, safe and affordable housing, be it resolved that the May 2008 report of the Algoma Public Health Director of the Community Mental Health Program be accepted as information and further that the Board of Algoma Public Health encourage the municipalities within the District of Algoma to develop housing strategies, policies and incentives that promote and support access to safe affordable housing to meet the needs of individuals and families with limited incomes. Resolution approved.

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Throughout Ontario and beyond, our communities' vulnerable citizens are struggling to find and maintain appropriate and affordable housing. I encourage municipal leaders to explore creative strategies that may increase local housing development for low income individuals and families.

Resolution #2:

Whereas it is accepted that one of the key determinants of health that determines the health of a community is sufficient income, be it resolved that the Board of Algoma Public Health encourage the Province to review the income amounts that are dispersed to vulnerable individuals receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) benefits in the interest of enhancing this essential determinant of health for low income populations. Resolution approved.

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Since access to nutritional food, education, social environments and a good number of other determinants of health are dependent on sufficient income, the province is encouraged to review the income amounts of the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW).

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Sincerely,

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