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RESOLUTION

Date: November 25th, 2010
Resolution: **#08-2010, Bill 100 Paved Highway Shoulders**

MOVED BY: Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Sylvia Fenton

At a regular meeting of the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit, held on November 25th, 2010, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS Bill 100 requires the Minister of Transportation to construct, during resurfacing, one-meter (minimum) paved shoulders on prescribed highways and provide signage that warns vehicles to watch for and share the road with pedestrians and cyclists;

WHEREAS Bill 100 will make it possible for people to cycle and walk more safely on Ontario's secondary highways. Increased cycling and walking for recreation, commuting and as a general means of getting around, has major health and environmental benefits.

WHEREAS physical environment is a social determinant of health and we know that the way our roads and communities are designed directly affects health. Also, as a means of injury prevention, safe road design, along with active transportation features such as cycling lanes and sidewalks, which translates into more walkers and cyclists being on the street, results in lower rates of vehicle-pedestrian collisions.

WHEREAS the availability of paved shoulders on our highways, along with appropriate signage and other safety features, would therefore serve to enhance active transportation opportunities across the province. I believe that the passage of Bill 100 would signify a very sound societal investment.

WHEREAS this would build on active transportation initiatives at the municipal levels.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health supports the recommendations of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, to encourage the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to adopt Bill 100.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and Ontario Boards of Health.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred

Chair - Board of Health