

June 18, 2008

The Honourable George Smitherman
Minister of Health and Long-term Care
Hepburn Block
10th Floor, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister Smitherman:

RE: West Nile Virus Program Funding

At its May 28, 2008 meeting, the KFL&A Board of Health passed the following motion:

THAT the Board of Health for KFL&A Public Health support the resolution passed by the Board of Health of Simcoe Muskoka District on West Nile Virus Programme funding.

Continued surveillance programs are still required to monitor the potential threat of West Nile Virus in the province of Ontario. Without ongoing funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care for all aspects of the program, the surveillance programmes in local public health agencies may be jeopardized. The KFL&A Board of Health shares the concerns outlined in the resolution put forward by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Yours truly,



Beth Pater, Chair
Board of Health

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