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June 28, 2007

Via Electronic Mail

The Honourable Jim Watson
Ministry of Health Promotion
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A1S5

Dear Minister:

Re: Continuation of Ontario Heart Health Project Funding

The Sudbury & District Health Unit is pleased to note from your fax received on June 21, 2007 that the provincial government has committed \$88,700 for the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

The Sudbury & District Board of Health met on June 21, 2007, and voiced its strong support for the Ontario Heart Health project and carried the following motion #37-07 related to the continuation of the Ontario Heart Health Project funding:

WHEREAS the Ontario Heart Health Project – Taking Action for Healthy Living (OHHP TAFHL) promotes and supports 36 community-based heart health and chronic disease prevention projects across Ontario, including the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project has established an elaborate network of community partnerships and actively engages 80 Heart Health volunteers in grassroots initiatives that address physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, exposure to tobacco smoke and coping with stress; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Charter states that effective community development requires full and continuous access to information, learning opportunities for health, as well as funding support; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health Promotion's funding for Phase II (2003-2007) of the OHHP-TAFHL ends in December 2007; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Health Board of Health, as the community host agency has demonstrated a 10-year history of support for the Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Health Promotion to build on the strengths of the current OHHP-TAFHL model and infrastructure and to maintain the momentum of local heart health projects by securing continued funding for Phase III of the OHHP-TAFHL; and

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FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be shared with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health Promotion, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Ontario Heart Health Network, Sudbury & Manitoulin Districts Heart Health Management Group and all Ontario Boards of Health.

We would like to acknowledge the investment in this important program as indicated in your recent correspondence to us. We would further urge that sustained funding for chronic disease programming be a priority for the future.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

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