



Perth District Health Unit

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March 24, 2009

The Honourable Jim Watson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Watson:

On March 18, 2009, the Board of Health of the Perth District Health Unit met and agreed to support the intent of Private Member Mr. Ernie Hardeman's Bill 143 known as The Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors), 2008. We have enclosed a copy for your convenience.

Bill 143 proposes that:

- Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in every building that is used for residential occupancy.
- A carbon monoxide detector shall be installed adjacent to each sleeping area in a building that is used for residential occupancy.
- At least one carbon monoxide detector shall be installed on each storey that does not contain a sleeping area in a building that is used for residential occupancy.

Measures such as these will help to increase the safety of the public and prevent tragedies like those that recently took the lives of a Woodstock family.

Yours truly

Randy C. Brown, Secretary  
Board of Health

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