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VIA EMAIL

Sudbury & District Health Unit  
Constituent Municipalities

Dear Mayor/Reeve:

**Re: Chronic Disease Prevention and Municipal Policies**

The Sudbury & District Board of Health passed the following motion #57-11 at its October 19, 2011, Board meeting related to chronic disease prevention and municipal policies.

***WHEREAS the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon has described noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease and diabetes a public health emergency in slow motion; and***

***WHEREAS the September 2011 United Nations high level meeting on the prevention and control of NCDs ratified a political declaration calling for governments to adopt approaches that go beyond the health sector; and***

***WHEREAS healthy public policies can increase the availability of and accessibility to healthy living conditions for community members, leading to a better quality of life for all; and***

***WHEREAS the Ontario Public Health Standards (2008) require that boards of health work with municipalities to support healthy public policies; and***

***WHEREAS the recent scan of the 19 SDHU area municipalities indicate that municipalities are engaged in policy making that is supportive of health and chronic disease and injury prevention; and***

***WHEREAS in 2010, the Partners for Community Wellness (Healthy Communities Fund Partnership) includes municipal partners and is established to promote coordinated planning, advocacy and action to support the development of healthy policies in the Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts;***

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***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health direct staff to continue their policy work with local municipalities and encourage all municipalities to develop long-term comprehensive plans for policies that support health and prevent chronic disease and injury; and***

***FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to all Ontario boards of health, provincial government partners and local members of provincial parliament, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.***

A briefing note dated October 13, 2011, which was presented to the Board of Health as well as an Executive Summary from the Sudbury & District Health Unit's Municipal Policy Scan are attached for your information.

We look forward to working with you in the development of healthy public policies that contribute to a more vibrant and healthy community. Public health staff will contact you to discuss municipal roles in the prevention of chronic diseases and injury.

Yours sincerely,



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Encls.

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