

Notice of this motion is provided in accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of section 11.1 of the City of Thorold's Procedural By-law. Councillor Dekker seeks to bring forward a motion respecting a City of Thorold program to assist with physician recruitment.

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

WHEREAS the City of Thorold is underserved by approximately seven (7) family physicians; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council for the City of Thorold **DIRECTS** staff to prepare a report respecting a physician recruitment program targeting the recruitment of four (4) family physicians to practice in the City of Thorold; and
2. That the proposed physician recruitment program and report **BE CONSIDERED** during the 2025 Budget Process.