



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

Title: Support Resolution Request – Dr. L. Krasko-Turcotte

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Department: Administration

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Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff regarding request to lobby the Ontario Government.

Background:

The City of Dryden receives requests and information items to be presented to Council. These are compiled and presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting to obtain direction regarding those items Council would like to support which will be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

Discussion:

On August 23, 2021 Mayor Wilson received an email from Dr. Lisa Krasko-Turcotte asking Dryden City Council to call on the Ontario Government to address the chronic underfunding of eye care. She notes that if the government doesn't act before September 1st millions of Ontarians are at risk of losing their access to eye care and that five (5) municipalities (Town of Oakville, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, City of Cambridge and Municipality of North Perth) have passed motions in support of OHIP optometry services. Dr. Krasko-Turcotte requests that Dryden City Council stand up for eye care by asking the provincial government to commit to reforms so that optometrists are fairly compensated compared to their colleagues across Canada. Dr. Krasko-Turcotte asks Council to pass a motion as soon as possible so residents can continue to access the quality eye care they deserve.

Attachments (Reference Material):

Letter from Dr. L. Krasko-Turcotte

Media Stories

Statement by Minister C. Elliott

Ontario Fact Sheet on OHIP Coverage for Eye Care Services