

# Municipality of *Bluewater*

June 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford:

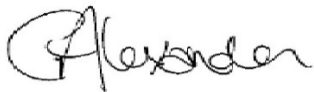
At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on June 2, 2025, Council received a resolution distributed by the Town of LaSalle regarding the Northern Health Travel Grant Program. Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution:

**MOVED:** Councillor Bailey **SECONDED:** Councillor Walden  
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the resolution passed by the Town of LaSalle regarding the Northern Health Travel Grant Program; and

THAT this resolution of support be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Ms. Sylvia Jones.  
**CARRIED.**

Attached is the resolution passed by the Town of LaSalle.

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander  
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc:

Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP  
Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier  
Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Council Services/Clerk  
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February 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Northern Health Travel Grant Program

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Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, passed the following resolution:

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Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata  
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

Whereas the Northern Health Travel Grant program (the "Program") offers financial assistance to Northern Ontario residents who need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at a ministry funded health care facility;

And Whereas, the grants for this Program are based on the distance residents must travel to reach the nearest medical specialist or ministry funded healthcare facility;

And Whereas, residents must travel at least 100 kilometers one-way to access the nearest medical specialist or ministry-funded healthcare facility for services that are not available locally to qualify for the grant;

And Whereas, there are many occasions in which residents of Windsor-Essex County must travel at least 100 kilometers one way to access health care facilities or services that are not available locally; And Whereas, there are four primary children's hospitals across the province, located in London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, and none of these facilities are within 100 kilometers of Windsor-Essex County;

And Whereas, it has been reported that more than 5,000 times each year pediatric patients across Windsor-Essex County must drive to London Health Sciences Centre for treatment at its Children's Hospital, which places a financial strain on families and care-givers;

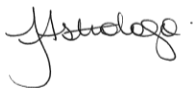
Now Therefore, the Town of LaSalle calls upon the Provincial Government and Ministry of Health to establish a grant system similar to the Northern Health Travel Grant program in Windsor-Essex County to provide support to the residents of Windsor-Essex County when they need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at ministry funded health care facilities;

And that, this motion be circulated to all municipalities for support, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Anthony Leardi, MPP Andrew Dowie, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Ms. Sylvia Jones and all local municipalities.

**Carried.**

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



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