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Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO Municipality of Kincardine 1475 Concession 5, RR 5 Kincardine, ON N2Z 2X6

Re: Physician Recruitment Program

Dear Ms. Bellchamber-Glazier:

Thank you for your letter, dated February 3, 2023 describing the ongoing challenges related to the physician recruitment program.

Township of Huron-Kinloss Council reviewed and discussed your letter, including the request to advocate for additional funding from the Province and to consider increasing the amount of municipal funding for physician recruitment at the February 17, 2023 Council meeting to discuss the 2023 budget.

Council acknowledges the significant effort and costs involved with the execution of a successful physician recruitment program and are willing to help advocate for additional support from the Province. At this time, however the Township did not authorize increasing the amount of financial support allocated towards this program. As I am sure you appreciate, we are supporting recruitment efforts in other communities to benefit residents of our municipality that are not served by Kincardine and have also made considerable capital commitments to health care facilities. While health care is recognized as a critical community service, like all municipalities we have many critical projects that require funding and continue to make difficult decisions on where to direct funds.

Continued financial support in the amount of \$17,000.00 has been approved in the 2023 and payment will be issued immediately using the direct deposit information we have on file.

On behalf of Council, I wish you much success and hope these funds will assist in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Don Murray Mayor Den Muvu