



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

**Date:** November 14, 2023

**Resolution Number:** 2023-295

**Moved By:** Councillor Manson

**Seconded By:** Councillor Latimer

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

“The Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is in receipt of the resolution from the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa and supporting letter from the City of Quinte West addressed to the Honorable Doug Ford noting that the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and: Whereas the College is targeting community pain clinics requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licenced physicians. This requirement will increase the time to it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and: Where as the Ontario Health Insurance Plan is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and: Whereas these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and; Whereas this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and; Whereas with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief will to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions form doctors or opioid street drugs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario.

**AND FURTHERMORE, THAT** a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, Local MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Deputy Mayor Moreton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>