

November 20, 2025

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Dear Minister Marjorie Michel and Minister Sylvia Jones,

RE: Coordination of Provincial and Federal Dental Programs

At their meeting on October 10th, the Huron Perth Public Health Unit passed a motion to support the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health's Recommendation/Resolution Report dated September 18, 2025 (attached), regarding the coordination of provincial and federal dental programs.

The proposed motion highlights gaps in access to oral health care for vulnerable populations and offers actionable solutions to improve service delivery. These same gaps have been identified for the residents of Huron and Perth Counties. The call for clearer guidance, streamlined processes, and temporary exemptions for emergency treatment is both timely and necessary. These measures will help ensure that individuals (especially those who are unhoused, newly arrived, or facing administrative barriers) receive the urgent dental care they need without delay.

Sincerely,



Bernie MacLellan, Chair
Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health

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