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File 100-Kincardine Physician Recruitment

Sharon Chambers, CAO
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Re: Physician Recruitment Program

Dear Ms. Chambers:

In response to your request for increasing financial support for the physician recruitment program, I wish to thank you for providing detailed financial reports to assist Council in making a decision. Council was also interested in learning what the desired complement of physicians is for the community and how the current numbers compare.

While I understand that providing a modern medical clinic and locum houses contribute to the attraction and retention of physicians, the Township's contribution was intended to directly fund the physician recruitment program only.

When the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council agreed to support the construction of the Kincardine Medical Clinic in 2002 with a one time donation we were assured that ongoing costs for operating, maintenance and future capital repairs would not be the responsibility of our residents. The Township of Huron-Kinloss already has two medical clinics in our municipality that we maintain for the use of local residents.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss also supports and participates in the Wingham Area physician recruitment program and has provided capital funds for both the proposed rehabilitation of the Kincardine Hospital site and the current Wingham Hospital Capital Campaign demonstrating that Council appreciates the vital role of health care to our community. However, it is an ongoing challenge to balance support for these initiatives with the reality of the funding burden on our property owners.

That being said, Council acknowledges the importance of a robust physician recruitment program and is willing to support your program with a contribution of \$17,000.00 for 2018. Continued support for the program will have to be reviewed on an annual basis. A payment will be made in March using the direct deposit information we have on file.

On behalf of Council, I look forward to hearing about the program's continued success.

Sincerely,

Jodi MacArthur
Treasurer