

MOTION



North Bay, ON January 11, 2022

Subject: Healthcare

File No. _____ **Res.** 2022-_____

Moved by Councillor: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor: Bain

Whereas the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor, and this represents the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

And Whereas these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario;

And Whereas finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities is contributing to the crisis for citizens in the North;

And Whereas although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) has fewer health care professionals’ spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the City of North Bay wishes to strongly request that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3 and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

And Further that a copy of this Motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, their Deputy Ministers, MPP Victor Fedeli, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried ☐ Carried as amended ☐ Lost ☐

Conflict_____ Endorsement of Chair_____

Yeas	_____	_____	Nays	_____	_____
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Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor* _____)

Signature of Clerk_____