

May 19, 2015

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care 80 Grosvenor Street 10th Floor, Hepburn Block Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Hoskins,

The Perth District Health Unit Board recently considered a request for action for Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing. The following resolution was passed at the March 18, 2015 meeting:

That the Board endorse the following actions and policies to reduce the exposure of second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing:

- encourage all landlords and property owners of multi-unit housing to voluntarily adopt no-smoking policies in their rental units or properties;
- advocate that all future private sector rental properties and buildings developed in Ontario should be smoke-free from the onset;
- encourage public/social housing providers to voluntarily adopt no-smoking policies in their units and/or properties;
- advocate that all future public/social housing developments in Ontario should be smoke-free from the onset.
- encourage the Ontario Ministry of Housing to develop government policy and programs to facilitate the provision of smoke-free housing.

Carried

Yours truly,

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