



November 27, 2014

Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

Re: Sudbury & District Health Unit - Nutritious Food Basket Survey

The purpose of this letter is to bring it to your attention that, at its regularly monthly meeting of November 27, 2014, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution No. 14-96 in support of the Sudbury & District Health Unit requesting that the Provincial Government include consideration of food insecurity as an indicator of deprivation to measure progress of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution No. 14-96 is attached.

Respectfully yours,

Les Gamble, Chair

cc. Sudbury and District Health Unit
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Member Municipalities
Michael Mantha, MPP

Attach (1)



RESOLUTION 14-96

DATE: November 27, 2014

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: Lou Addison

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Board of Health annually monitors the cost of healthy eating in the Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) area in accordance with the [Nutritious Food Basket Protocol](#) and the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol per the Ontario Public Health Standards 2008; and

WHEREAS the [2014 costing results](#) continue to show that individuals and families living on [social assistance](#), or low incomes, cannot afford healthy food after paying for housing and other necessities and therefore may be at higher risk for food insecurity; and

WHEREAS food insecurity has serious consequences for mental, physical and social health of both children and adults; and

WHEREAS although Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy-Realizing Our Potential makes commitments to reducing poverty, its changes to the social assistance system are inadequate to ensure individuals and families will no longer live in poverty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB joins with the Sudbury & District Board of Health to continue to urge the Province to further increase social assistance rates to reflect the actual cost of nutritious food and housing by considering the annual results of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Nutritious Food Basket and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rental Income (Ontario) reports; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB joins with the Sudbury & District Board of Health in requesting the Province to include consideration of food insecurity as an indicator of deprivation to measure progress of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB share the Sudbury & District Health Unit's motion and supporting materials with community agencies, boards, local MPPs, mayors and councils throughout the DSB area.

Carried

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