

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario Legislative Building - Room 281 Queen's Park Toronto. ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Zorra passed the following resolution at its February 14, 2017 regular meeting:

"WHEREAS, Automated External Defibrillators are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

AND WHEREAS, for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes;

AND WHEREAS, Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

AND WHEREAS, Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AED's in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Zorra requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools;

AND THAT the Township of Zorra request that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools in Ontario as soon as possible for the safety of our children.

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AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support."

Disposition: Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Karen Martin

Clerk

cc: Minister of Education

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All Ontario Municipalities

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