

March 30, 2026

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Brantford  
County of Brant  
Haldimand County  
Norfolk County  
*Sent Electronically*

Dear Mayors and Members of Council:

**Re: Joint Delegation Request – Public Health Funding Model**

At its meeting on March 25, 2026, the Board of Health for Grand Erie Public Health passed the following resolution regarding the municipal-Ministry of Health funding trend for cost-shared mandatory public health programs:

*That [Report 2026-013: Municipal vs. Ministry of Health Funding Trend](#), be received for informational purposes; and*

*That staff be directed to send correspondence on behalf of the Board of Health to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, copying all area Members of Provincial Parliament, expressing the Board's concerns regarding the current municipal versus Ministry of Health funding trend and requesting a return to the established funding model; and*

*And that staff be directed to organize a joint delegation with the City of Brantford, County of Brant, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County to meet with the Ministry of Health at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference to discuss the public health funding model.*

Correspondence has been sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones to express the Board's concerns regarding the erosion of the established cost-sharing framework and the increasing financial pressure placed on municipalities to bridge the resulting funding gap.

The Medical Officer of Health for Grand Erie Public Health, Dr. Jason Malenfant, is currently seeking opportunities to coordinate a joint delegation with the Ministry of Health at the upcoming AMO Annual Conference. The purpose of this delegation would be to highlight the local impacts of the current funding trend, advocate for a return to the [historically established](#) cost-sharing model, and discuss the need for a sustainable and predictable public health funding framework.

We would welcome the opportunity to coordinate next steps. We appreciate your continued partnership and collaboration in supporting public health across the GEPH region.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly: [board@geph.ca](mailto:board@geph.ca).

Sincerely,



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On behalf of the Board of Health for Grand Erie Public Health

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