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Via Email:

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Support for a Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care Clinic and Emergency Department

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 190-25:

Whereas a 24/7 Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) Urgent Care Clinic and Emergency Department is needed in Durham Region to address a critical system gap by ensuring individuals in crisis receive immediate, specialized care and to reduce the pressures on emergency departments and first responders; and,

Whereas Lakeridge Health has developed a comprehensive, Ontario Health-endorsed proposal to establish an MHA Urgent Care Clinic, an MHA Emergency Department, an After-Care team, and an MHA Hub at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, supported by satellite services in priority neighbourhoods; and,

Whereas Lakeridge Health has identified a site and a commitment to advance this project, which will require significant provincial investment; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham and community partners have expressed strong commitment to seeing this project realized; and,

Whereas residents of Whitby and across Durham Region would benefit from improved access to urgent mental health and addictions care, reduced ER wait times, and better recovery outcomes.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby express its full support for the establishment of a Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care Clinic and Emergency Department in Durham Region, and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize and fund this initiative as a matter of urgent public health need; and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Minister of Finance, Lakeridge Health, all Durham Region municipalities, and all Durham Region MPPs.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4330.



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