



Administration Department  
City of Dryden  
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Dryden, ON P8N 2A7



December 19, 2019

Northwestern Health Unit  
210 First Street North  
Kenora, ON P9N 2K4  
Attention: Ms. M. Herbacz

**Re: Downloading Service Board Costs to Municipalities**

Dear Ms. Herbacz,

This letter is to confirm that the enclosed resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Dryden at the December 16, 2019 meeting of Council.

Yours truly,

Allyson Euler  
Acting Clerk

Encl.

cc. NWHU municipalities



## **Resolution Background:**

The Province has announced funding reductions for health units that will take effect in 2020. There is some concern that to make up the shortfall, social service agencies may engage in an annual process of making up a funding shortfall, due to any Provincially mandated reductions to their programs, by raising levies to municipalities (and ultimately to the local taxpayers) each year as opposed to reducing costs within their organizations.

The City of Dryden, similar to other municipalities, continues to struggle to provide a balanced budget while minimizing increases to our taxpayers and maintaining municipal service levels wherever possible. The City simply cannot continue to absorb increased costs related to funding cuts by the Province to the Northwestern Health Unit without significant impacts on either municipal taxpayers or service levels, or possibly both.

It is recommended that Dryden City Council request the Northwestern Health Unit find savings within its internal operations per the Provincial government's direction, in an effort to ensure that funding shortfalls due to reduced Provincial government funding do not result in municipalities being asked to make up the shortfall.

**MAYOR:**