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VIA Email: christine.elliott@ontario.ca

Hon. Christine Elliott
Minister of Health
College Park 5th Flr
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RE: Rainy River District – Under-served rural areas in Northwest Ontario

Dear Hon. Christine Elliott;

Please be advised that the following resolution was duly approved and passed at the regular meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Chapple on Tuesday, January 20, 2022:

WHEREAS Dr. McGuire will no longer be practicing medicine at the Emo Clinic as of March 2022; and

WHEREAS many residents within the west end of the Rainy River District will be de-rostered, putting added strain on the district's medical system and Riverside Healthcare's Emergency Department; and

WHEREAS the Emo Drug Store and Riverside Healthcare (Emo) will be placed in a vulnerable position; and

WHEREAS the Township of Chapple advocates for equitable health care, especially for under-served rural areas like the Rainy River District; and

WHEREAS physician recruitment - finding ways to encourage more physicians and healthcare professionals to stay and work in the west end of the Rainy River District - is contributing to a crisis for citizens in our communities;

NOW THEREFORE, Council calls on the Minister of Health to assist with Physician Recruitment for the west end of the Rainy River District; and

FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Hon. Greg Rickford, MPP Kenora-Rainy River, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, and district municipalities.

While some areas are faced with over-worked physicians, our area is in a "crisis" position with no physicians at all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peggy Johnson, CMO
CAO/Clerk Treasurer

cc. Hon. Marcus Powlowski, MP
Hon. Greg Rickford, MPP
Rainy River District Municipalities