



Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

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

Dear Premier Wynne:

At its last regular meeting held on February 22, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre enacted the following resolution:

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

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

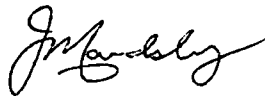
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The Council is very concerned with this issue and respectfully requests that further consideration be given to ensure a policy is developed that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, and that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Maudsley".

Jim Maudsley
Mayor

cc: Minister Mitzie Hunter, Education
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Laura Elliott, Director, Thames Valley District School Board
Kathy Bunting, Clerk, Middlesex County
All Ontario Municipalities
Kerby Waud, Principal, River Heights Public School
Catherine Zeisner, Principal, Northdale Central Public School
Suzanne Terpstra, Principal, St. David Catholic School
Cathy Johnston, Principal, West Nissouri Public School
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