

September 12, 2024

Mayor Wayne Redekop and Fort Erie Councillors  
Town of Fort Erie  
1 Municipal Centre Drive  
Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6

Re: Resignation from the Fort Erie Community Health Care Services Committee

Dear Mayor Redekop and Council,

Please accept this letter as our formal resignation from the Town of Fort Erie's Community Health Care Services Committee. Although we have appreciated building stronger relationships with community partners and Councillors on the Committee, we believe there has been little movement in advancing the priorities set out in the purpose of the Terms of Reference at the Committee level. We recognize the importance of the Committee and are optimistic that our decision will enable meaningful discussion about enhancing primary and community services to meet the needs of Fort Erie residents.

Niagara Health is proud to be a strong advocate of increasing access to primary care, while not a core mandate of NH, we recognize the importance of primary care as an integral part of the continuum of care. We have actively facilitated working groups with the Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Ontario Health Team – Équipe Santé Ontario Niagara and Ontario Health West, and continue to participate in meetings with the Town to support opportunities for a new innovative model of care that will benefit the residents of Fort Erie.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate and support our health system partners in ensuring the residents of Fort Erie have access to high-quality, appropriate health care services.

Respectfully,



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Director, Communications and Engagement  
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Dr. Jennifer Robert, Chief of Primary Care  
Ashlea Carter, Deputy Clerk, Town of Fort Erie  
Alice Preston, Fort Erie Health Care Coordinator



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