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David Marshall  
Chair, Board of Health  
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit  
200 Rose Glen Road  
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Dear David Marshall:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health (the “Ministry”) will provide the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit up to \$5,578,200 in one-time funding for the 2024-25 funding year to support transition and stabilization costs, and up to \$330,650 in capital one-time funding for the 2024-25 funding year, to support the voluntary merger of your organization.

These investments support the proposed voluntary merger of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit and the government’s commitment to provide 100% provincial funding support for this merger, and in principle, also provide commitment for eligible out-year merger costs, subject to regulatory changes and appropriate financial reporting. Voluntary mergers are a critical part of the work that the Ministry has initiated to strengthen the public health sector and it is our intention that there are no fiscal impacts to municipalities as a result of the merger. This work is a priority for our government and aligns with overall Ministry plans to optimize our health care system and improve health care outcomes by connecting Ontarians to faster and more convenient care.

The Ministry expects merging Boards of Health to apply any operational efficiencies, including any anticipated efficiencies realized through a reduction of full-time equivalent positions, to frontline operations/direct service delivery of your organization.

The approved capital one-time funding includes the provision of a Stage 1 capital planning grant of up to \$300,000 to assist with costs associated with early capital planning for the proposed Premises for New Entity project. The Ministry remains committed to making capital investments across the health sector and will continue to work with your organization to assess needs. However, approval to proceed with a capital planning grant does not imply approval to proceed with design or implementation of the project. Government approval will be required prior to moving forward with the project.

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The Executive Lead of the Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division will write to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing the funding.

Thank you for the important service that your public health unit provides to Ontarians, and your ongoing dedication and commitment to addressing the public health needs of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

- c: Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
- Elizabeth Walker, Executive Lead, Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health
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