

May 31, 2010



The Honourable Margaret Best
Ministry of Health Promotion
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 1S5

Dear Minister Best:

Re: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning

On May 21, 2010, at a regular Board of Health meeting for Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Board considered the attached resolutions:

1. Procupine Health Unit: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning, March 29, 2010
2. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and In Particular for Youth who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation, May 10, 2010
3. Timiskaming Resolution #03-2010: Ultraviolet Radiation Exposure – Sun Protection Factor, May 5, 2010
4. Durham Region Public Health: Skin Cancer Prevention, May 13, 2010

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2010-48

***THAT*, the Grey Bruce Board of Health endorse the resolutions regarding the harmful effects of artificial tanning and support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action; and**

***THAT*, copies be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Minister of Children and Youth Services, all local Members of Parliament and local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Boards of Health.**

Building Healthy Communities Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hazel Lynn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H".

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March 29, 2010

ATTENTION: ONTARIO BOARDS OF HEALTH

At its meeting held March 26, 2010, the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit considered the issue of the harmful effects of artificial tanning, in particular youth who are most susceptible to the damaging effects of UV radiation and who are often targeted by the industry to use their product. The Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit resolved as follows:


THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning; and

THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit write to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing their support for these measures and her stand on this issue; and

THAT this recommendation be forwarded to local members of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health.

We thank you for your consideration of this important public health matter and encourage you to support the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action to enact legislation that will ban access to tanning equipment for children under 18 years of age.

Yours very truly,


Gary Scipnick, Chair
Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit

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May 10, 2010

The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister – Minister's Office
Ministry of Health Promotion
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Dear Minister Best:

Subject: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and In Particular for Youth Who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation

At its April 28, 2010 regular meeting, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit passed the following resolution:

Resolution #BOH/2010/04/05

Whereas, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Ontario, accounting for one-third of all new cancer diagnoses, and

Whereas, Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is globally recognized as being carcinogenic and the relationship to skin cancer is well documented, and

Whereas, World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer rates tanning beds in the highest cancer risk category - group 1 - 'carcinogenic to humans', and

Whereas, Melanoma, the least common but most serious type of skin cancer, is increasing significantly in incidence and is the second most common form of cancer in people in Ontario between the ages of 15-34, and

Whereas, There is strong evidence that exposure from artificial tanning equipment increases the risk of melanoma, especially when exposure is started during childhood and adolescence,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit write a letter to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing support for the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health endorse the "No Tan Is Worth Dying For!" campaign that supports the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action and urges the Government of Ontario to enact legislation that bans the use of artificial tanning equipment by youth under the age of 18, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, members of federal and provincial government representing our service area, and to Ontario Boards of Health for their information and possible support.

We thank you for your involvement with this important issue and look forward to the Government of Ontario supporting the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action, which includes enacting legislation that bans the use of artificial tanning equipment by youth under the age of 18.

Yours sincerely,



Mac Bain, Chairperson
Board of Health

Copied to:

- 1) The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2) The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services
- 3) The Honourable Tony Clement, M.P. (Parry Sound-Muskoka)
- 4) The Honourable Monique Smith, MPP (Nipissing)
- 5) Anthony Rota, M.P. (Nipissing-Timiskaming)
- 6) Norm Miller, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka)
- 7) David Ramsay, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane)
- 8) Ontario Boards of Health
- 9) Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies



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RESOLUTION

Date: May 5, 2010
 Resolution #: **03-2010, Ultraviolet Radiation Exposure – Sun Protection Factor**
 MOVED BY: Merdy Armstrong
 SECONDED BY: Sue Nielsen

WHEREAS ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is internationally recognized as being carcinogenic, and the adverse health effects associated with sun exposure such as skin cancers, skin ageing and eye damage are well documented; and

WHEREAS skin cancer alone accounts for about 1/3 of all cancers diagnosed in Ontario, the most common cancer in the province. One in 7 Canadians (including children) will get some form of skin cancer - basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma or melanoma - during their lifetime. Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, is the second most common form of cancer in young Ontarians aged 15-34 years; and

WHEREAS Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) emitted from both the sun and artificial tanning equipment is a known human carcinogen, causing skin cancer. Exposure to UVR from artificial tanning equipment increases the risk of skin cancer, especially when exposure is started during childhood and adolescence; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning; and

FURTHER THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health support the adoption of Bill 83 which will prohibit selling or supplying tanning services or ultra-violet light treatment services to persons under the age of 19.

FURTHER THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health deliver the Northeast Cancer Prevention Screening Network's campaign *No Tan is Worth Dying For!* including the recommendation of the use of SPF 30.

FURTHER THAT, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Health Promotion; Honourable Margaret Best, local member of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health.

- Carried
 Defeated
 Deferred

 Chair - Board of Health



May 13, 2010

BOH - CORRESPONDENCE- 15

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Regional Clerk

RE: MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER &
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED APRIL 29, 2010 RE:
SKIN CANCER PREVENTION OUR FILE: P00-00

Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services
Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a
meeting held on May 12, 2010 Council adopted the following
recommendations of the Committee:

- "a) THAT the following recommendations of the Porcupine Health Unit
dated March 29, 2010, with respect to the harmful effects of
artificial tanning, be endorsed:
- 'a) THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit
support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division)
call for government action and join other professional
bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology
Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the
development of strong and comprehensive legislation that
will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial
tanning; and
 - b) THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit
write to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing their
support for these measures and her stand on this issue; and
 - c) THAT this recommendation be forwarded to local members
of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public
Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health'; and
- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Health and Long-Term
Care and Health Promotion, France G linas, MPP, Khalil Ramal,
MPP, Durham's MPPs, aIPHa, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and
all Ontario boards of health be so advised."

Pat M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III
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