

RESOLUTION FOR aPHa RESOLUTIONS SESSION (2018)

TITLE: Apportionment of Municipal Levy

SPONSOR: Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

WHEREAS According to the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, Regulation 489/97, municipalities must decide how to apportion the municipal component of the expenses of the Board of Health among obligated municipalities; and

WHEREAS All of the obligated municipalities have to agree with the apportionment method; and

WHEREAS The regulations state that the default is to use the Ontario Population Report (OPR) of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) if agreement cannot be reached on another method; and

WHEREAS The Ontario Population Report (OPR) is based on information contained in MPAC's Names Database, and is produced upon conclusion of each municipal enumeration which correlates with the timing of regular municipal and school board elections that now occur every 4 years; and

WHEREAS The OPR figures are developed from information gathered for assessment and enumeration purposes and, according to MPAC, these figures should not be confused with population data published by Statistics Canada that are produced from dedicated population counting and estimating processes conducted every 5 years; and

WHEREAS MPAC has stated that the most accurate municipal population numbers are produced by Statistics Canada based on the most recent census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aPHa) write a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting that the use of the Ontario Population Report (OPR) of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) be removed from the Health Protection and Promotion Act Regulation 489/97, and be replaced with Statistics Canada census data as the method to apportion the municipal levy among obligated municipalities.