



**Branch Offices:**

April 12, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: **Endorsement of Public Health Sudbury & Districts Letter on Gender-based and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)**

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On April 3, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Board for the Timiskaming Health Unit, the Board received the [briefing note](#) and the following motion was passed:

Motion (#28R-2024):

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Board of Health endorse Public Health Sudbury and District's [Motion](#) and:*

- 1. Endorse the Public Health Sudbury and Districts calls for the provincial government to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic (Appendix A)*
- 2. Send a letter indicating this endorsement and urging the provincial government to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)*

The Timiskaming Health Unit fully supports the above recommendations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair

c: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane

Anthony Rota, MP – Timiskaming-Nipissing

Charlie Angus, MP – Timmins-James Bay

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Chair, Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH)

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Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA)

Health Unit Member Municipalities

Melanie Ducharme, Chair of Temiskaming District Violence Against Women

Coordinating Committee