



April 8, 2025

BY EMAIL

Anthony Leardi
Member of Provincial Parliament
Constituency Office
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Email: anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org

Re: Travel Health Grant for Southwestern Ontario, Windsor-Essex County

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 17, 2025, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated December 19, 2024, from the Town of Amherstburg advocating that the implement a Provincial Government Travel Health Grant to foster a fair and inclusive healthcare system that meets the needs of all Ontarians. Council of the Town of Essex calls upon the Provincial Government to implement a Travel Health Grant to provide equitable access to healthcare and alleviate the strain on those who must travel long distances for medical treatments.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-03-126

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

That the correspondence from the Town of Amherstburg dated December 19, 2024, advocating for a Travel Health Grant for Southwestern Ontario be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to Anthony Leardi, Member of Provincial Parliament, Essex, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Marit Stiles, leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario.

Carried



We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Malandruccolo".

Joseph Malandruccolo
Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Marit Stiles, leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario.



Town of Amherstburg
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Michael Prue, Mayor

December 19, 2024

Member of Provincial Parliament
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VIA EMAIL: anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org

SENT VIA EMAIL

Attn: MPP Anthony Leardi

Re: Travel Health Grant for Southwestern Ontario, Windsor-Essex County

Dear Mr. Leardi,

On behalf of the Town of Amherstburg, I am writing to strongly advocate for the Travel Health Grant for Southwestern Ontario, as per the resolution below from the November 25th, 2024 Council meeting:

18.1 That a letter **BE SENT** to MPP Leardi and the Minister of Health advocating for a Travel Health Grant for Southwestern Ontario, specifically Windsor-Essex County.

This initiative, supported unanimously by Council seeks to address the unique challenges faced by residents in our region. We believe that a Travel Health Grant would provide equitable access to healthcare and alleviate the strain on those who must travel long distances for medical treatments. This is particularly vital in fostering a fair and inclusive healthcare system that meets the needs of all Ontarians.

We sincerely encourage you to consider this travel health grant and collaborate with the government to implement it, bringing meaningful benefits to our residents in Windsor-Essex County and the broader Southwestern Ontario community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your response and remain committed to working with you to improve access to healthcare for our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Prue, Mayor

Cc: Minister of Health, The Honourable Sylvia Jones – Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org