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FOLLOW UP TO TOWN HALL EVENING
DECEMBER 11, 2007
FROM THE FEDERATION OF TINY TOWNSHIP SHORELINE ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Dr. Smith,

We were glad that you invited written submissions at last week's town hall meeting about the situation at our local hospitals. We were concerned that Midland and Penetanguishene dominated the discussion, with relatively little being said about the situation in Tiny Township. We note that the 2006 Census data says that Midland has 15,955 dwellings, Penetanguishene 3,685, and Tiny Township 9,072.

FoTTSA is comprised of 26 member associations of cottagers and shoreline residents with 1700 member households and is in touch with all residents in Tiny Township by e-mail, through our website, and by means of a twice-a-year newspaper *The Tiny Cottager*.

While 11% of Midland's and 5% of Penetanguishene's households are seasonal, in Tiny Township a whopping 52% are seasonal. These seasonal residences are typically meeting places for extended families, not only through the traditional nine vacation weeks of the summer, plus the 24th of May and Thanksgiving weekends, but, increasingly, on weekends throughout the year and at special times like Christmas and Easter. The number of people occupying cottages for significant parts of the year is far more than 52% of the total population of Tiny.

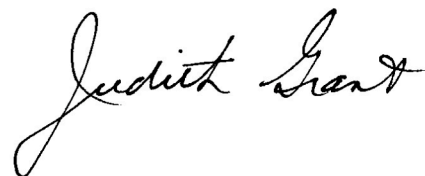
We are concerned that the Huronia District Hospital's funding formula does not adequately reflect the population present in Tiny Township for much of the year. Hospital staffing should reflect seasonal changes and we are concerned that our constituency be included in calculations when the hospitals (particularly Emergency at the Huronia District Hospital) are funded.

We would note that when an emergency occurs while we are in Tiny Township, we are not drawing on the services at hospitals near our permanent residences. There must be adequate provision at HDH for our presence in Tiny Township during much of the year. We have been aware of the failure of the funding formula to include the needs of seasonal residents and that was one of a number of reasons that we have coordinated a fundraising program through our member associations for the Huronia District Hospital for the last five years; but HDH should not have to depend on such fundraising. It should be funded properly, according to the population it is serving at any particular point in time.

We wish you well as you tackle the problems at our local hospitals and have been encouraged by everything we have heard to date.

We would like to meet with you to discuss service for seasonal residents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Judith Grant
President, Federation of Tiny
Township Shoreline
Associations