

**Moor, Linda**

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**From:** Clerks  
**Sent:** September-22-16 8:22 AM  
**To:** Moor, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Newmarket Council Q.  
**Attachments:** Town Resolution Autism Shelburne.pdf; Ontario Municipalities Supporters.docx

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**From:** GUY MISENER [<mailto:guy.misener@rogers.com>]  
**Sent:** September-21-16 7:01 PM  
**To:** Clerks  
**Subject:** Newmarket Council Q.

Good day!

We're tracking a Resolution about improving Ontario's Intensive Therapy funding/services for Children with Autism.

The attached May 9<sup>th</sup> Shelburne Resolution was sent to all Ontario municipalities. To date, 111 (list also attached) have supported that resolution or a variation.

If your Council has already passed a supporting resolution, please let us know; and, we express gratitude on behalf of thousands of Ontario families for your influential message.

If a decision is pending, be assured that your Council's endorsement will send a strong statement to the Premier that our children with autism need therapy NOW, not just promises and announcements. Autistic children's futures depend on today's decisions. Intensive therapy sounds expensive – about \$50,000/year per child – but it is an investment to ensure greater independence as an adult, compared to a group home placement cost of \$100,000/year for an adult. Intensive therapy is currently the only clinically proven therapy for autism.

We would be happy to provide more information or answer any questions Council may have prior to making a decision on this resolution.

Thanking you in advance for your help, and hopefully your Council's support,  
Sincerely,

Kelly McDowell, Shelburne Mom, and  
Sandra Misener, Mount Albert Mom  
([guy.misener@rogers.com](mailto:guy.misener@rogers.com))



TOWN OF SHELBURNE  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 10

Date: **May 9, 2016**

Moved by: **Wade Mills**

Seconded by: **Dan Sample**

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) is the scientific process based on objective evaluation and empirically based interventions used to achieve meaningful, generalizable and enduring behavioural change. Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) is an application of the principles of ABA in an intensive setting used to affect behaviour change and improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current waiting list of children for Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) is over 2,000 and more than 13,000 children await Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Ontario has announced it intends to discontinue IBI services to children over the age of four and provide a one-time payment to assist with services, thereby abandoning thousands who have been wait-listed for years; and

**WHEREAS**, there are two service models for affected children to be treated, 1) the Direct Service Offering (DSO) where children receive services directly from trained staff at Ontario's nine regional service providers, and 2) the Direct Funding Offering (DFO) where parents receive funding directly in order to purchase services; and

**WHEREAS**, the DFO model to provide services is used in Alberta, British Columbia and imminently Saskatchewan. Such a model is clinically rigorous and has been identified by the Auditor General of Ontario as being less expensive than Ontario's DSO model;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that a letter be sent to Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services; Alexander Bezzina, Deputy Minister; Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health; and Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, requesting the Province to:

1. Amend its policy to one that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised them; and
2. Remove the age limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age; and
3. Ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on 'development progress' criteria and milestones; and
4. Adopt a Direct Funding Offering (DFO) model in lieu of the current Direct Service Offering (DSO) model;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

**CARRIED: K. Bennington**

**Requested Vote to be recorded**                      **[ X ] Yes**                      **[ ] No**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Bennington</b>	<b>[ X ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Councillor Benotto</b>	<b>[ X ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Councillor Chambers</b>	<b>[ Absent ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Dunlop</b>	<b>[ X ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Councillor Egan</b>	<b>[ Absent ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Councillor Mills</b>	<b>[ X ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>
<b>Councillor Sample</b>	<b>[ X ]</b>	<b>[ ]</b>

## **Ontario Municipalities – Supporters – Autism Resolution**

111 as of Sept. 21/2016.

Addington Highlands, Township of  
Adelaide Metcalfe, Township of  
Admaston/Bromley, Township of  
Ajax, Town of  
Amaranth, Township of  
Amherstburg, Town of  
Arnprior, Town of  
Asphodel-Norwood, Township of  
Aylmer, Town of  
Belleville, City of  
Black River-Matheson, Township of  
Blue Mountains, Town of the (Thornbury)  
Bonfield, Township of  
Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of  
Brockville, City of  
Brooke-Alvinston, Municipality of  
Bruce, County of  
Caledon, Town of  
Casselman, Village of  
Carlow/Mayo, Township of  
Central Huron, Municipality of  
Chamberlain, Township of  
Champlain, Township of  
Chisholm, Township of  
Clarington, Municipality of  
Cornwall, City of  
Cramahe, Township of  
Dufferin, County of  
Durham, Regional Municipality of  
East Gwillimbury, Town of  
Emo, Township of  
Englehart, Town of  
Erin, Town of  
Espanola, Town of  
Faraday, Township of  
Fauquier-Strickland, Township of  
Fort Erie, Town of  
Gananoque, Town of  
Gillies, Township of

Grand Valley, Town of  
Grey, County of  
Grey Highlands, Municipality of  
Halton Hills, Town of  
Hamilton, City of  
Hastings Highlands, County of  
Hawkesbury, Town of  
Hilton Beach, Village of  
Huron East, Municipality of  
Huron-Kinloss, Township of  
Huron Shores, Municipality of  
James, Township of  
Kincardine, Municipality of  
King, Township of  
Kirkland Lake, Town of  
Laird, Township of  
Lambton, County of  
LaSalle, Town of  
Laurentian Hills, Town of  
La Vallee, Township of  
Leeds and Grenville, United Counties of  
Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Township of  
Lennox and Addington, County of  
Loyalist, Township of  
Machin, Township of  
Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of  
Madawaska Valley, Township of  
McKellar, Township of  
Melancthon, Township of  
Milton, Town of  
Mississauga, City of  
Mono, Town of  
Mulmur, Township of  
Muskoka Lakes, Township of  
Nairn and Hyman, Township of  
Nation, Municipality of the  
Neebing, Municipality of  
New Tecumseth, Town of  
Niagara Falls, City of  
Norwich, Township of  
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Town of  
Northern Bruce Peninsula, Municipality of

O'Connor, Township of  
Oakville, Town of  
Oil Springs, Village of  
Orangeville, Town of  
Oshawa, City of  
Parry Sound, Town of  
Pickering, City of  
Plummer Additional, Township of  
Port Colborne, City of  
Prescott and Russell, United Counties of  
Prince, Township of  
Richmond Hill, Town of  
Ryerson, Township of  
Scugog, Township of  
Severn, Township of  
Shelburne, Town of  
Smooth Rock Falls, Town of  
Southgate, Township of  
Strong, Township of  
St. Catharines, City of  
Tecumseh, Town of  
Thessalon, Town of  
Tweed, Municipality of  
Uxbridge, Township of  
Warwick, Township of  
Welland, City of  
West Grey, Municipality of  
West Perth, Municipality of  
Whitby, Town of  
Woolwich, Township of