



**City of Lloydminster  
Request for Decision (RFD)**

**Subject Matter: 2024 SUMA Convention Resolution - Saskatchewan Ministry of Health**

**Department: City Manager's Office**

Presented By: Dion Pollard

**Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2024**

**Recommendation:**

That Council submit the following motion to Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association at their 2024 Annual Convention being held in Regina, April 14 – 17, 2024.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lloydminster request SUMA to advocate the Saskatchewan Provincial Government to ensure the Ministry of Health increase the use of nurse practitioners in secondary centres away from tertiary centres and implement a fee for service for practicing nurse practitioners. Also, to support the placement of Saskatchewan Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) trained physicians in their chosen communities.

**Background:** Not all residents of Lloydminster and the surrounding area are able to find a family physician to deal with their medical issues and routine proactive medical appointments. Many of these residents end up in the Emergency room, costing the government and taxpayers increased costs as there is an inadequate number of physicians and/or nurse practitioners in our service area of 150K plus residents.

The City of Lloydminster along with other areas within Saskatchewan are experiencing an extreme shortage of family physicians and lack of utilization of nurse practitioners. Residents who have relocated to our community are unable to find a family practitioner and in some cases, must travel back to their original community in which they moved from for general medical care.

The recruitment of physicians to the City of Lloydminster and throughout Saskatchewan would address this situation and lessen the burden on the Emergency Departments. As well as implementing the usage of Nurse Practitioners on a fee for service basis.

**Options:**

1. That Council submit the following motion to Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association at their 2024 Annual Convention being held in Regina, April 14 – 17, 2024.

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2. That Council not approve submitting this motion to Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association at their 2024 Annual Convention being held in Regina, April 14-17, 2024.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item is in alignment with the following strategic area: Providing a Safe Community. To ensure all residents have the opportunity for health care services in the community or surrounding areas.

**Legal Review:** N/A

**Governance Implications:** Resolution submissions must be submitted to the Resolution Committee and SUMA's Board of Directors by January 31, 2024, to meet their deadline and must be endorsed by a motion passed by Council of the sponsoring municipality.

**Budget/Financial Implications:** N/A

**Environmental Implications:** N/A