



## Council Memorandum

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Date: January 14th, 2020

To: Council

From: Ron Ashmore, Councillor Ward 6

Re: Tax relief for Omemee Medical Centre

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### Recommendation

**That** the memo from Councillor Ron Ashmore **regarding tax relief for the Omemee Medical Centre** be received;

**That** Staff investigate any forms of property tax relief that would assist the Omemee Medical Centre and report back to Council with options by the end of Q2, 2020; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council at the next regular council meeting

### Rationale

The Omemee Medical Centre has been in existence for slightly over 10 years. Located at 22 Wellington Street E. in Omemee, the clinic is a vital Health care facility for Omemee and surrounding area. The Omemee Medical Centre is part of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team. It is a non-profit organization.

The Medical Centre has been a self funding organization since it's inception. The land was donated by a local developer in Omemee and the building was financed by the Omemee Legacy Fund. Many citizens and businesses donated as well to make this a reality to the community. The facility has also benefited by the hard work and long hours of its volunteer board.

The Board and management have done an excellent job in running the Centre over the years given the tight budget restraints. The Omemee Medical Centre presently has



added an additional Doctor to its roster. Presently there are two full time Doctors and one full time Nurse Practitioner as well as two fulltime staff.

Municipal taxes for the Omemee Medical Centre are by far the highest expense and are slightly over \$15,000 per year. Taxes are always paid on time and are up to date. The Medical Centre is asking for some sort of relief to this high tax bill. The Medical Centre generates a large amount of economic spinoff in the village of Omemee and the organization would appreciate Council's support.