



Tuesday, January 8, 2019

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Ontario Dental Assistants Association (ODAA), please accept this letter of support for the continued community water fluoridation for the City of London as a key prevention strategy for dental caries.

The fluoridation of drinking water is one of the significant public health achievements of the 20th century. Community water fluoridation is a safe and effective means of preventing dental decay. There is a great deal of scientific evidence to support this claim and health and dental organizations worldwide endorse the safety and effectiveness of community water fluoridation. The level of fluoride in the drinking water is closely monitored by the City of London and the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Many Ontarians do not have dental coverage and community water fluoridation, at the very minimum, provides benefits to all those who drink community water. Poor oral health can contribute to diabetes, heart disease, respiratory ailments, and other health concerns and tooth decay is one of the primary health concerns related to children. Community water fluoridation programs play a crucial role in improving the overall health of Canadians and have resulted in significant decreases in tooth decay rates with 35%-50% decrease in children and 30% decrease in adults.

The ODAA strongly supports community water fluoridation as a benefit to not only oral health, but to our overall health. If you require more information about ODAA and our support community water fluoridation in the City of London, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 519-679-2566 or by email at info@odaa.org.

Sincerely,

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