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## Town of Caledon joins call for fair health care funding

The Town of Caledon Council has endorsed a resolution calling on the Ontario government to improve local access to hospital and community health care services by addressing the growing gap in health care funding facing Caledon residents.

“Population-based funding is imperative in order to improve access to local health care services,” said Mayor Marolyn Morrison. “Caledon needs to be supported by an equitable system that helps provide our

residents with direct access to health care facilities.”

The Town of Caledon joins a number of communities who have experienced growth in support of fair health care funding. Currently, Ontario’s hospitals are not funded on the basis of population size and the needs of the local residents. As a result, there are significant and growing gaps in per capita funding for hospital services in communities that have experienced growth such as Dufferin-Caledon.

The per capita funding for hospital care in the Central West LHIN is \$280 lower than the provincial average. This means that residents may wait longer for hospital care or be forced to seek care outside their communities away from the support of family and friends. (LHINs - or Local Health Integration Networks - are not-for-profit organizations responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services in 14 different geographic areas of the province.)

“With Dufferin and

Caledon’s population growing at the rate they are today, we are facing the same pressures as other fast growing communities,” said Hon. John McDermid, chair, Headwaters Health Care Centre. “Population-based funding will allow us to meet

the needs of our community as we continue to grow.”

The Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care currently funds hospitals on an across-the-board basis where funding increases are evenly distributed, regardless of popu-

lation growth. In contrast, Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan use a population-needs or population-based funding allocation formula to fund their regionalized health systems. Funding is allocated based on population size and demographics.

## Tilson submits motion on identity theft

David Tilson, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, submitted a motion to the clerk of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI), April 20, requesting that the committee prepare a comprehensive study and report to the House of Commons on the increasing crime of identity theft.

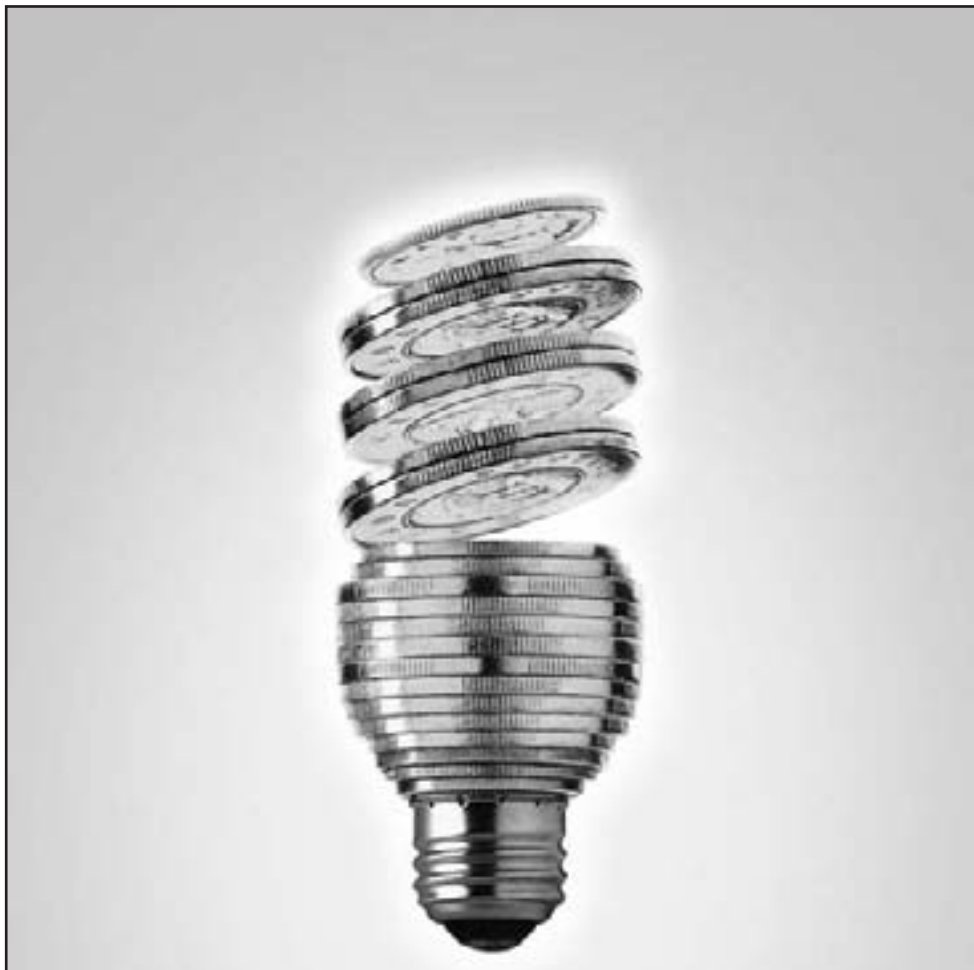
Tilson defined identity theft as the unauthorized collection and use of personal information that is used for criminal purposes. In 2005, PhoneBusters reported

11,231 identity theft complaints in Canada, resulting in \$8,575,593.98 in losses, making this crime the fastest growing form of consumer fraud in North America.

An individual’s name, date of birth, address, credit card, Social Insurance Number (SIN), and other personal identification numbers can be fraudulently used to open credit card and bank accounts, redirect mail, establish cellular phone service, rent vehicles, equipment, or accommodation,

and even to secure employment.

“Identity theft can happen to anyone and knows no geographic boundaries. The problem has been raised by my constituents as an increasing concern for them, and therefore, I believe it’s important for our committee to study it and to report our findings to the House of Commons, to see how we can best prevent Canadians from this despicable form of crime,” Tilson said.



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