



NIAGARA FALLS NATURE CLUB

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The Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health & Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins:

RE: Ontario's Lyme Disease Strategy

Members of the Niagara Falls Nature Club look forward to the end of winter each year so that we can get outside and assist our municipality and conservation authority and other agencies with natural area inventories and other projects. Some of the joy has gone out of being outdoors doing the volunteer work we enjoy so much because of the fear of ticks carrying Lyme disease. Both professionals and amateur naturalists whom we work with have been made very ill with this disease. Although we take as many precautions as we can, deer ticks are very small and good at hiding.

As a nature club, we try to involve children in our outdoor activities to show them our love of nature. Unfortunately, some families would rather stay indoors in order to avoid deer ticks carrying Lyme disease.

The Province of Ontario must take the lead to protect the health of its residents and combat this disease. The Niagara Falls Nature Club urges you, Minister Hoskins, to take the necessary steps to see Michael Mantha's motion, which was passed on November 27th, 2014, successfully translated into Ontario's Lyme Disease Strategy within the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Sankey". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Joyce Sankey, Past-president
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