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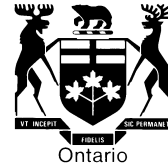
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Dear Ms. Brekveld,

Peggy

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture regarding your concerns about limited access to veterinarians and veterinary services in some parts of Ontario. As the Minister of Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to respond.

Ontario's publicly-assisted colleges are separate legal entities under the *Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002* and Ontario's publicly-assisted universities are separate legal entities under their own legislation, and are responsible for developing policies and procedures to govern their institutions. This includes program development and program delivery.

Ontario's publicly-assisted colleges and universities offer various programs that support the delivery of veterinary medicine in the province and they can be found at:

- <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/programs?q=vet&page=0>
- [https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/programs/search?advanced=1&a_category=ag-res-mgmt-vet-sciences&a_subject\[\]=573099](https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/programs/search?advanced=1&a_category=ag-res-mgmt-vet-sciences&a_subject[]=573099)

I would encourage you to work with your stakeholders, including Ontario's publicly-assisted colleges and universities to develop and bring forward veterinarian programs to meet local labour market demands.

The considerations raised in your correspondence have been noted. My ministry has also shared your correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Dunlop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honourable Jill Dunlop
Minister of Colleges and Universities