Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council

From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant

Date: July 20, 2020

Re: Council Information Package

I have attached a list of items that have come into the office that may be of interest to members of Council. Please note that in accordance with Section 6.4(d) of the Procedural By-law, Any member of Council may raise for discussion a communication, petition or resolution that is in the Information Package during the Approval of Communication Items portion of the Council Meeting.

1. Staff Reports and Information

(a) Action items from the June 29, 2020 Council Meeting.

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care from Mayor Darrin Canniff dated June 11, 2020 re <u>Funding and Government's Commission on Long-Term Care</u>.
- (b) Letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care from Mayor Darrin Canniff dated June 11, 2020 re <u>Psychosocial and Emotional Health of Long-Term Care residents</u>.
- (c) Letter from Nicholas Jacobs, J.P. Mariwell Inc. to Mayor Canniff dated June 15, 2020 re Notification Licensed Commercial Producer under The Cannabis Act.
- (d) Communication from Demand the Right Coalition of Ontario Municipalities dated June 24, 2020 re <u>Municipal Landfill Approval Rights Remain on Government's Agenda</u>.
- (e) Letter from Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation to Mayor Darrin Canniff dated June 29, 2020 re <u>Funding Allocation (\$39,873.00) for Enhanced Cleaning of Public Transit System.</u>
- (f) Letter from Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries to Mayor Canniff dated July 6, 2020 re Community Museum Operating Grant Chatham-Kent Museum & Milner House.

- (g) Letter from Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries to Mayor Canniff dated July 6, 2020 re <u>Community Museum Operating</u> Grant – Ridge House Museum.
- (h) Copy of a letter from the Township of Perth South to Agricorp. Board of Directors dated July 9, 2020 re <u>Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program</u>.
- (i) Letter from Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation to Mayor Darrin Canniff dated June 30, 2020 re <u>Funding Allocation through Ministry of Transportation's 2020-21 Connecting Links Program for the rehabilitation of Grand Avenue East, Chatham.</u>
- (j) Letter from Mayor Darrin Canniff to Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation dated July 14, 2020 re Ministry of Transportation's 2020-21 Connecting Links Program.

3. Resolutions

- (a) Resolutions from the Municipality of Mattice-Val Cote⁶, Township of Armour and the Municipality of Clarington re <u>Supporting Chatham-Kent's resolution regarding</u> Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes.
- (b) Resolution from the City of Sarnia dated June 24, 2020 re Long Term Care Home Improvements.
- (c) Resolution from the Township of Puslinch dated July 7, 2020 re <u>Aggregate</u> Resource Properties.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	Department	Division	Director	Requestor	RTC Reg'd (Y or N)	Target Date	Completion	Comments
1,185	June 29, 2020	That homes in urban areas can have up to 6 chickens per household. No roosters will be allowed. Exclusions include apartment buildings, and multiplex homes.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Authier	No	N/A	n/a	Motion Failed. No action required
1,186	June 29, 2020	Whereas COVID19 has changed the everyday lives of people in communities all across Chatham-Kent And Whereas there is a need to understand the human, social, and community impacts of COVID19, and how we can move forward as individuals, households, and communities And Whereas there is an opportunity for council to take a leadership in role in the recovery and adaptation to the 'new Normal' due to COVID19, from a human, social, and community standpoint. And Whereas "Resiliency" is identified as a critical success factor for the CK2035 plan. Therefore, be it resolved that; #1. Staff at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent work with the United Way of Chatham-Kent, alongside local partners, and stakeholders, engaging community members to identify key recommendations to mitigate the negative human, social, and community impacts of COVID-19. And that these recommendations be presented in a report to council. This report may consider elements such as: The impact closures and isolation has had on missed health care visits, (for example, missed childhood immunizations, seniors with multiple chronic diseases); The mental and emotional toll COVID-19 has had on everyone and every community in Chatham-Kent, including ongoing support for individuals, families and communities as we navigate the future "new normal" due to COVID-19; The impact of COVID19 for the homeless, and those in precarious housing; Helping people be emotionally ready to return to work, school, regular daily activities, and ensuring access to child care and eldercare as needed; Financial stability during the recovery from COVID-19. #2. That the above report consider any gendered, socio-economic, and racial disparity of the impact of COVID-19 within Chatham-Kent in its recommendations. #3. That Municipal staff, in partnership with United Way organize, plan and schedule a strategic planning session with Council to discuss the human impacts of COVID-19. This session may be held in tandem with other strategic sessions discussing COVID-19. The results will be reporte	CHS	Public Health	Teresa Bendo	Cl. Harrigan	Yes			
1,187	June 29, 2020	Whereas the municipality of Chatham-Kent is the fortunate home to a number of areas with direct access to bodies of water used for recreation, And whereas many of these access areas include a variety of easements, fire access roads, right of ways, and a variety of both private and public access features, And whereas one of the outcomes of amalgamation is a lack of consistency in the treatment of these access features, causing many difficulties for, staff council and residents. Be it resolved that administration develops a report to council that includes ways to implement consistent messaging, safe access points, and standardized signage if required for water front access. This report should include possible divestment opportunities, costs associated with ensuring access points are maintained for safe use, and requirements for utilization by fire and emergencies services.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Ceccacci	No	n/a		Motion was withdrawn. No action requied.

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	<u>Date</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	Department	Division	Director	Requestor	RTC Reg'd (Y or N)	Target Date	Completion	Comments
1,188	June 29, 2020	Whereas the municipality of Chatham-Kent recognizes the significance of tree cover as an important part of a balanced and healthy community, and whereas the public are looking at ways to participate in re-greening the municipality, And whereas councillor Brock McGregor put forward a successful motion that included that the municipality of Chatham-Kent develop and implement a street tree cover policy, to maintain and encourage tree coverage by continuing active surveillance and maintenance of trees on municipal right of ways, including replacement when required. Be it resolved That Administration develop a Chatham-Kent Tree Donation Program where residents and businesses have an on-line method Option of making financial donations to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for the sole purpose of increasing tree cover, and implement an awareness campaign when ready to accept donations, and that Council approve the creation of a Reserve for Tree Donations. Recommendations on the utilization of the reserve would be brought to Council for approval.	IES	Parks	Jeff Bray	Cl. Ceccacci	Yes			
1,189	June 29, 2020	I Councillor Crew hereby provide notice that I will bring the following motion forward at the July 20, 2020 Council Meeting for discussion and voting. Re: Emancipation Day - "That Chatham-Kent Council acknowledges and supports the following motion M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows: That the House recognizes that: a) The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834; b) Slavery existed in the British North America prior to its abolition in 1834; c) Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1, as Emancipation Day; d) The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Decent to highlight the important contributions that people of African Decent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for conforming anti-black racism; and e) The heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada. That support for this motion to be sent to our Member of Parliament and all representatives."	n/a	n/a	n/a	CI. Crew		20-Jul-20		
1,190	June 29, 2020	Item 9(d) -Review of Agriculture Building Permit Fees - "That Council refer this report back to administration asking for more detailed information on how building permit fees are applies and how much the contingency percentage is."	CD	Building	Paul Lacina	Cl. Pinsonneault	Yes			



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June 11, 2020

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Honourable Christine Elliott Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Ministry of Health 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Honourable Merrilee Fullerton Minister of Long-Term Care 6th Floor, 400 University Avenue Toronto ON M5G 1S5

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council unanimously supported a request from Councillor Clare Latimer to submit a letter to the Premier, Minister of Health, and Minister of Long-Term Care (LTC) regarding current and long-standing issues being faced by the LTC sector and to support the government's Commission on Long-Term Care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the human resources crisis that LTC has faced for a number of years. It has also brought homes and the residents who place trust in the system they will be well cared for into the limelight, when all along the number one priority of all levels of government and oversight should be the health, safety, and well-being of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The LTC and Retirement Home (RH) sectors are chronically understaffed; losing the extra hands of visitors and volunteers during the pandemic, while necessary, has created an additional burden. Homes in Ontario are experiencing increasing difficulty recruiting and retaining Personal Support Workers (PSW), Registered Practical Nurses (RPN) and Registered Nurses (RN), creating long delays in the ability to fill vacant positions. Before the pandemic, many homes were indicating they no longer have a 'pool' of PSWs ready and available to fill vacant shifts. Homes are seeing more PSWs experiencing stress-related illnesses, mental and physical exhaustion, and an increase in work-related injuries. In addition to an already limited available workforce, hospitals are now hiring PSWs to fill support roles, and many RNs or RPNs accept positions in LTC only to resign when an acute care or community health position becomes available. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have certainly added to the staffing crisis. The provision of pandemic pay to front-line staff has helped, and while it would be a welcomed addition to the funding envelope moving forward, wage increases alone will not solve the chronic lack of people choosing long-term care as a career.

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Staffing ratios have been discussed for several years and there has been lobbying from many avenues to increase the number of direct nursing care hours for residents up to four hours of care per day in order to safely meet the complex needs of the current long-term care population. Without an influx of provincial dollars, coupled with a provincial LTC human resources strategy, homes will not be able to increase direct patient care hours; there simply are not enough human resources to go around. This is difficult for staff in long-term care and retirement homes. They are a determined, passionate bunch who want nothing more than to provide quality care to their residents who call their facilities home.

As a Municipal Council, we have watched the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on LTC and RHs across our province. Our municipality has not had any COVID-19 outbreaks in homes in Chatham-Kent; however, we are certainly aware of the ongoing risk and continue to do everything we can to ensure our residents and staff are safe and they have the tools and resources to manage during such a difficult time. As a Council, we support the government's LTC Commission and ask that it remain non-partisan, and be independent of owners and operators including ourselves as the owner and operator of Chatham-Kent's largest LTC home. While we are supportive of the Commission, we are asking for an impartial review of current best practices in both private and publicly operated homes. We are also requesting that the Commission be tasked with recommending best practice standards of care, and accountability protocols regarding documentation, peer reviews, and resident/family reviews.

We appreciate the work involved in any type of large-scale review with the hope the Commission is able to review the current impact of the pandemic and merge these findings with what the sector has known and has been advocating for over the last several years including staffing, governance models, physical structures of homes, and LTC regulations. A comprehensive look at past, current, and future insights will move the sector towards action and real change.

Sincerely,

Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex All municipalities in Ontario



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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council received a letter from eleven organizations serving Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in Ontario. The letter spoke to the importance of psychosocial and emotional well-being of all Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) residents. Council agreed there was significant evidence presented within the letter to warrant supporting the call to action and to encourage the government to review and act on the recommendations provided.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a variety of challenges to the LTC and RH sectors, as well as the congregate care sector. Many of these challenges involve protecting the physical health of this extremely vulnerable population. Increased infection control requirements, eliminating non-essential visitors, active screening protocols, and restrictions on the movement of LTC and RH staff working between different homes, are a few examples of the measures taken and backed financially by the provincial government. In Chatham-Kent, early and rigorous adoption of these measures has kept COVID-19 out of our LTC and RH facilities. While this is a commendable achievement, it is important to examine the social costs to residents of such an undertaking.

People living in LTC and RHs depend completely on interactions with staff, visitors, volunteers, and other residents to fulfill their social and emotional needs. Losing any one of these groups impacts residents in ways that are difficult to measure quantitatively but qualitatively we see it in our residents' eyes each day as we strive to provide the best care possible for them. The exclusion of non-essential visitors has left a tangible hole in the lives of residents. In Chatham-Kent's municipally-run LTC home, Riverview Gardens (RVG), this order saw the exclusion of 500-600 additional visitors, volunteers, and contract support staff per week. They were cherished, familiar faces; their visits much-anticipated by residents and appreciated by staff.

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Visitors and volunteers provide more than just visiting, they help in the daily care of our residents. Conversations with other LTC and RHs throughout Chatham-Kent show the same losses and the same impacts on residents and staff. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have added to the staffing crisis in LTC and RHs. Supporting a strategy for homes to hire additional staff specifically trained to support the psychosocial and emotional needs of residents would alleviate some of the stress on nursing staff and may lead to better outcomes for residents.

Chatham-Kent has always been a community that comes together and rises to the challenges before us. COVID-19 and the impact this has had on our local LTC and RH sectors is no exception. Through our local United Way, volunteers are finalizing an Adopt a Grandparent program similar to pen pals of years past. This program will link teenagers and young adults with one of our LTC and/or RH residents. Young and old, both with different needs, sharing thoughts and ideas and supporting one another through the pandemic. At Riverview Gardens we have created a Resident Support Worker (RSW) position that provides emotional and social support to our residents. RSWs work on the same floor with the same residents each day where they assist residents with feeding, games, crafts, companionship, and outdoor time when the weather cooperates. RSWs also help provide such services as assisting with laundry, as well as sorting, folding, and organizing a resident's personal items. Currently, redeployed municipal staff are fulfilling these roles at RVG but as Ontario moves further with reopening, these staff will be needed back at their home base location and residents in our home will once again be faced with spending much of their day alone. The homes in Chatham-Kent are providing great care to our residents but they can only do so much. This is why the recommendations from the Long-Term Care and Retirement Home sectors are so important.

Chatham-Kent Municipal Council believes people need human interaction. It is what makes the difference between simply being alive, and living. It is time to act, and protect the psychosocial and emotional health of our LTC and RH residents. We support whole-heartedly, the recommendations presented to you from our LTC and RH partners (attached).

Sincerely,

Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Attachment: Letter from Alzheimer Society et al RE: Psychosocial and Emotional Well-being of LTC Residents

C Hon. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health All municipalities in Ontario























May 8, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott and Minister Fullerton,

On behalf of almost 80,000 residents, their families and staff in Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes, we are writing this letter to urgently request that the provincial government take immediate action to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. COVID-19 has changed every aspect of the lived experience in LTC. Despite fervent efforts and commitment from LTC team members to protect residents from the negative physical outcomes of COVID-19, the psychosocial and emotional impacts remain ignored and under-resourced.

According to a recently released study by Mental Health Research Canada, the number of Canadians expressing high-to-extreme levels of anxiety has quadrupled since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. "Mental Health in Crisis: How COVID-19 is Impacting Canadians." *Mental Health Research Canada*, www.mhrc.ca/our-research/. If that is the reality of people living in the general population, what is happening to the mental health of LTC residents, many of whom are already living with compromised cognitive ability and living in isolation? 'There is no health without mental health'- Minister Elliott.

Thousands of residents are living cohorted and/or isolated lives away from their personal belongings and away from the important people in their lives. Many residents are eating alone, experiencing virtually no human connection aside from 2-3 brief encounters with LTC team members for personal care/meal delivery each day and 1-2 virtual visits with a family member each week, if such a program exists in their home. Team member shortages further exacerbate the sense of isolation, we have heard from residents that there is little to no program or activity to nurture social engagement opportunities during these times.

Pre-COVID-19, the realities of pervasive isolation, depression and loneliness are coined as the 'three plagues' of life in LTC (Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of The Eden Alternative). While person-centered practices combat these plagues, the current reality of LTC living will lead to residents left with broken spirits and the corresponding negative outcomes associated with their psychosocial, emotional health.

People need people. We are writing this letter now to ask that <u>immediate attention and allocated resources</u> be applied to LTC homes to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. The government of Alberta, in recognizing the importance of 'quality of life' for residents, has released substantive directives that clearly define essential visitors as those who contribute to the quality of life of residents in addition to provision of needed physical care. I urge you to follow suit, so that residents can experience the psychosocial and emotional support that has been missing for 7 weeks thus far.

Imagine the new reality when a group of team members (comprised of 'essential visitors' and/or dedicated staff) is incorporated into **every LTC home** to <u>exclusively</u> provide avenues/programs/opportunities for psychosocial and emotional support. Residents will experience **multiple** weekly virtual visits using iPads, tablets or cell phones with friends and family members, and even amongst themselves, providing peer to peer support. Residents will enjoy safe outdoor visits during the warm weather now upon us. Imagine residents being supported in a virtual resident activity, meal or conversation between other residents. Residents will feel engaged and connected to each other once again, to their families, to their environment and to their community. They will be well protected from the negative outcome of prolonged isolation.

This is what is needed:

- Declare psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents as essential to their quality of life
- Expand the definition of 'essential visitors' to include people who contribute to the quality of life including psychosocial and emotional health
- Resources for homes to hire and train additional team members/staff whose primary role is to support
 psychosocial and emotional health via facilitating virtual and safe physical visiting
- Resources for homes to purchase technology and infrastructure required to support virtual visits amongst residents and families
- Creation of a safe plan for residents to enjoy social engagement outdoors in the coming weeks
 (physical distancing, wearing of masks, etc.), complete with human resources and supplies to make this
 a reality

We must act now. COVID-19 requires physical distancing, but in order to uphold resident's quality of life and wellbeing we must enable and support social connection.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, as we work together to provide the best care for LTC residents who are the most vulnerable group of Ontarians during this COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,

Cathy Barrick

Chief Executive Officer Alzheimer Society of

Ontario

Laura Tambiyn Watts Chief Executive Officer

CanAge

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MAYOR Darrin Canniff
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RE: Written notification of J.P. Mariwell Inc. receiving its license to become a Licensed Commercial Producer under The Cannabis Act and its Regulations in Chatham-Kent, Ontario.

MAYOR CANNIFF
Dear CHARGONS

June 15th, 2020

We would like to inform you that the company J.P. Mariwell Inc., has received it's operating licence from Health Canada and the Office of Medical Cannabis on June 12th, 2020 and are now licensed as a commercial licensed producer of medical and recreational cannabis at the following address:

Lot 196, Talbot Trail, Wheatley, Ontario, NOP2P0

Now merged into

2715 Talbot Trail, Wheatley, Ontario, NOP2P0

Our License # LIC-PR254JFMCI-2020

It is a very exciting time at Mariwell, and we look forward to hosting you and whomever you deem necessary to come and see the operation. Feel free to contact Mr. Jeff McAllister at 519-365-2418 to set up an appointment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Jeff McAllister directly at (519) 365-2418 or jeff@mariwell.ca

Respectfully,

Mr. Nicholas Jagobs

Responsible Person in Charge

Cc: The office of the Minister of Health

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UPDATE

JUNE 24, 2020

demandtheright.ca

Municipal Landfill Approval Rights Remain on Government's Agenda

Progress is being made, despite focus on Pandemic

We know that everyone has been focused on meeting the challenges of managing the COVID-19 pandemic in our communities. There has never been a time when the skills and resources of local governments have been more needed, or more tested. Yet through all this, each of us has had to manage not only the pandemic, but also the day-to-day needs of our municipal governments.

In this light, we want to share this important update on the progress of our work with the Government of Ontario to provide municipalities with the right to approve private sector landfill proposals that impact our communities. Since our last update in November, the **Coalition has grown to over 148**Ontario municipalities representing well over six million Ontario residents. These municipalities include upper, lower, and single tier municipalities from every corner of our province. Thank you for your continued support and advocacy on this important issue.

In recent weeks, the Demand the Right Coalition of Municipalities has had ongoing discussions with Provincial officials and Ministers' Offices. We continue to press the issue, and we are getting closer to achieving our objectives. But we need your help to get us over the finish line.

To ensure that communities impacted by a landfill project have approval authority our specific request of government is that:

The Province create legislative changes that formally recognize and entrench the right of impacted municipalities (specifically, any municipality within a 5 km radius of a proposed project) to have the "final say" on whether a private sector landfill project can proceed (this would not affect municipally-owned projects). This may be part of an evolved and reformed Environmental Assessment process.

To keep our momentum going, we ask that you contact your local MPP in the days ahead to raise the above points below with them:

- 1. Ontario municipalities do not have a real say in making decisions when it comes to private sector landfill projects.
- Private waste companies are pressing back. They are telling the government that there is only 10 years of landfill capacity left in the Province, and they are looking to shorten the time it takes for approval.
- 3. The private waste industry also claims there is also a need for up to 10 "mega dumps" approved quickly to meet the province's needs.
- 4. The Premier of Ontario, both as a candidate and elected leader of our provincial government, has stated several times that municipalities should be given the right to approve (or say no) to these projects.

Demand the Right Coalition of Ontario Municipalities Update, June 24, 2020

- 5. Granting municipal approval rights *has precedent*. In Ontario, municipalities already have *exclusive* authority (the "final say") for approving sensitive forms of development such as casino gaming, cannabis retail, and nuclear waste storage.
- 6. Granting municipal governments approval rights works. In all the areas where Ontario municipalities have "exclusive authority", there are many impacted communities that have said "yes" to hosting a variety of sensitive developments, including nuclear waste storage.

We are making progress, thanks to your continued support and advocacy. Please stay tuned for developments and announcements soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our campaign team:

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Monday, June 29, 2020

107-2020-2482

His Worship Darrin Canniff Mayor Municipality of Chatham-Kent ckmayor@chatham-kent.ca

Dear Mayor Canniff:

Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to contain the spread of this new virus.

The health and well-being of public transit passengers and employees is a top priority, and Ontario's public transit systems are critical to supporting the economy and getting people where they need to go.

The province is providing \$15 million to municipalities across the province to support enhanced cleaning of their public transit systems and help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This funding will assist with the municipality's public transit health and safety measures. I am pleased to advise you of your funding allocation.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent will be eligible to receive an allocation of up to \$39,873 for enhanced cleaning.

In the coming days, we will be forwarding the program details to the primary contact for the Gas Tax Program.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Jamie Pearce, Director, Strategic Investments & Programs Branch, at MTO-Transit_Cleaning_Funding@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Caroline Mulroney

Minister of Transportation

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Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Ministère des Industries du patrimoine, du sport, du tourisme et de la culture

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July 6, 2020

His Worship Darrin Canniff
Mayor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Chatham-Kent Museum & Milner House
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Dear Mayor Canniff:

Re: Community Museum Operating Grant/Pay Equity 2020-21
Transfer Payment Ontario Case Number: 2020-05-1-1440717934

I am pleased to approve a grant of \$29,132 for your museum under the Community Museum Operating Grant program for the 2020-21 fiscal year. You will also receive pay equity funding in the amount of \$620.

This funding helps museums across our province to protect and interpret Ontario's cultural heritage and strengthen the capacity of organizations in the heritage sector.

I acknowledge the immediate impact of COVID-19 on Ontario's heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries and on the long-term sustainable operations of organizations in the sector. This is an unprecedented event, and the operations of many museums have been disrupted.

My ministry will continue to work with you in the coming days, weeks and months to ensure that when this public health crisis is over, Ontario will once again be in the best position to welcome back the world to our province.

The Ontario government is committed to a strong culture sector. Museums play a significant role in contributing to lifelong learning and the creation of vibrant, creative communities. The Ministry is pleased to be able to continue its support for community museums

For further information about your grant, please contact Shannon Khan, Culture Programs Advisor by email: cmog-sfmc@ontario.ca or Elka Weinstein, Museum and Heritage Programs Advisor, Elka.Weinstein@ontario.ca.

Our government values your dedication to the cultural community in Ontario and I wish you success in your activities.

Kindest regards,

Lisa MacLeod

Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

C.: Evelyn Bish, Director, Community Attraction & Leisure Services

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July 6, 2020

His Worship Darrin Canniff Mayor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent Ridge House Museum Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca

Dear Mayor Canniff:

Re: Community Museum Operating Grant/Pay Equity 2020-21
Transfer Payment Ontario Case Number: 2020-05-1-1440718094

I am pleased to approve a grant of \$11,309 for your museum under the Community Museum Operating Grant program for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

This funding helps museums across our province to protect and interpret Ontario's cultural heritage and strengthen the capacity of organizations in the heritage sector.

I acknowledge the immediate impact of COVID-19 on Ontario's heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries and on the long-term sustainable operations of organizations in the sector. This is an unprecedented event, and the operations of many museums have been disrupted.

My ministry will continue to work with you in the coming days, weeks and months to ensure that when this public health crisis is over, Ontario will once again be in the best position to welcome back the world to our province.

The Ontario government is committed to a strong culture sector. Museums play a significant role in contributing to lifelong learning and the creation of vibrant, creative communities. The Ministry is pleased to be able to continue its support for community museums

For further information about your grant, please contact Shannon Khan, Culture Programs Advisor by email: <a href="mailto:cmoor:cmoo



Our government values your dedication to the cultural community in Ontario and I wish you success in your activities.

Kindest regards,

Lisa MacLeod

Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

C.: Evelyn Bish, Director, Community Attraction & Leisure Services



Corporation of the Township of Perth South 3191 Road 122 St. Pauls, ON N0K 1V0 Telephone 519-271-0619 Fax 519-271-0647

July 9, 2020

Agricorp

Attn: Board of Directors
1 Stone Road West
Box 360 Stn Central
Guelph, ON N1H 8M4

Re: Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

Dear Board of Directors

The Farm Property Class Tax Rate program was developed by the province to support agriculture in Ontario. Through this program, farmland owners receive a reduced property tax rate. Eligible farmland is taxed at no more than 25% of the municipal residential tax rate. This program is administered by Agricorp, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), and municipalities with farmland assessment within their municipality.

The Assessment Roll is returned by MPAC in December of each year for the following year. It is important that the assessment roll values on the returned roll received from MPAC are accurate as these values are used as the basis for the calculation and distribution of taxes. However, we have found that the 2020 Assessment Roll as returned

by MPAC requires many adjustments in the form of Tax Incentive Adjustments (TIA) for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program, each of which result in taxation write-offs for the Township.

The TIAs are required to transfer properties which have become eligible for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program from the Residential Class back to the Farmland Class. It is our understanding that the large number of TIAs that are processed by MPAC are necessary due to the number of farm properties that have sold their property, made a change to the ownership of the property, or failed to submit paperwork to Agricorp by the required deadline.

The result is that the Assessment Roll is returned with an overstated Residential Class assessment and an understated Farmland Class assessment and when used in the determination of the Residential Tax Rate at budget time results in a rate that is less than it would otherwise be. In addition, taxation write-offs of 75% of the residential amount must be refunded. These refunds are required for the current year, and in some instances, in the prior year as well, placing a financial burden on municipalities.

While these adjustments are not new, they certainly seem to be increasing in volume in more recent years and we anticipate that they will continue to increase as baby-boomer farmers continue to retire and sell their farmland.

In 2020 Perth South had \$34,606,000 of Farmland Class assessment transferred to Residential Class assessment. As a result of this transfer the total write-off is \$213,550.86 of which \$107,041.20 is Perth South's portion, \$66,799.27 is Perth County's portion and \$39,710.39 is the School Board's portion. While a tax write-off of \$107,041 may not seem like a large amount for many municipalities, in Perth South is it significant and would require a 3% levy increase to offset this amount.

Perth South is also concerned with the impact that these "misclassified" properties may be having on information used by other provincial departments. For example, the classification of Farmland assessment as Residential assessment negatively impacts the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) calculation, specifically the Farm Area Measure, which could result in a financial loss in the form of reduced grant funding for the year. Despite the fact that there has been no development on farmland, Perth South's Farm Area Measure decreased from 91.7% to 90.8% in 2020, a decrease attributed to the transferring of property from the Farmland Class to the Residential Class. If the Farm Area Measure were to fall below 90% Perth South would incur a loss in grant funding, a loss we simply cannot afford. And should such a loss occur there does not appear to be a mechanism to allow for the correction of the OMPF allocation following the transfer of assessment back from Residential Class to Farmland Class.

It should also be recognized that the levy costs imposed on municipalities for maintenance and administration costs of conservation authorities is also impacted by this transfer of land from the Farmland Class to the Residential Class. The apportionment of costs is determined by multiplying Current Value Assessment (CVA) in the Residential Property Class by a Factor of 1 and multiplying the CVA in the Farmlands Property Class by a factor of .25. The inclusion of assessment from the Farmland Property Class in the Residential Property Class artificially increases our proportionate share of maintenance and administrative costs and represents another unreconcilable calculation for which we are financially penalized.

The current process places an administrative burden on municipalities and diverts staff time from other administrative work that we simply do not have to spare. In recent years the provincial government has been working with municipalities and other partners to improve service delivery and efficiencies. As part of their review, Managing Transformations: A Modernization Action Plan, there was a focus on strong leadership by the government to work with ministries and various partners to strengthen horizontal coordination and establish a renewed focus on improving the efficiency, productivity and outcomes of the Broader Public Sector, while at the same time delivering the most efficient Ontario Public Services possible. A similar review of the delivery of this program may be very beneficial.

Perth South understands that the province and MPAC need to ensure that each farm operation meets the requirements of the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program, but we feel that there must be a more efficient and effective way for this to be achieved. Perth South would like to be part of the solution and suggests that all stakeholders to the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program review the current program in an effort to find efficiencies and ultimately, a less disruptive classification process.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Robert Wilhelm Township of Perth South

Cc: Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance

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Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington

Board of Directors, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

Board of Directors, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)

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June 30, 2020

His Worship Darrin Canniff Mayor Municipality of Chatham-Kent CKmayor@chatham-kent.ca

Dear Mayor Canniff:

I am pleased to advise you that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has been selected for funding through the Ministry of Transportation's 2020-21 Connecting Links Program. As part of Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19, an additional \$10 million in funding is being provided to municipalities to help repair connecting link roads and bridges.

Through this additional funding for the Connecting Links program, Ontario is helping even more municipalities keep families safe, goods moving, and drive economic growth and job creation in their communities.

Your project may now proceed without delay upon receipt of this letter subject to the conditions noted below. The ministry's maximum provincial contribution for your project is \$3,000,000 towards the rehabilitation of Grand Avenue East (Chatham).

Ministry staff will follow up with your municipality to provide the contribution agreement and discuss the milestones and other requirements that must be met. The ministry will require a signed agreement, accompanied with a council resolution before funding can be provided; however, as noted above, your project may proceed without delay upon receipt of this letter. Any eligible costs incurred in the interim will be reimbursable through the payment and reporting process.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship and wish you success with your project.

Sincerely,

Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

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c. Don Shropshire, CAO, ckcao@chatham-kent.ca



Municipality of Chatham-Kent Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO 315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640 Chatham ON N7M 5K8

Phone: 519.436.3219

July 14, 2020

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney Ministry of Transportation Office of the Minister 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Mulroney:

SUBJECT: Ministry of Transportation's 2020-21 Connecting Links Program

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is in receipt of your letter dated June 30, 2020 detailing the Ontario Action Plan additional \$10 million in funding provided to municipalities to help connecting link roads and bridges.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the rehabilitation of Grand Avenue East, Chatham with a provincial grant of \$3,000,000. A signed copy of the agreement and Council resolution will be shared with you once the agreement is finalized.

Your commitment towards the Grand Avenue rehabilitation project in Chatham-Kent will definitely assist us in maintaining critical infrastructure assets and driving economic growth.

Sincerely,

Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Don Shropshire, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Thomas Kelly, GM, Infrastructure & Engineering Services, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Meeting no. 20-07

Resolution no. 20-94

Date: June 22nd, 2020

Moved by: Joyce Malenfant

Seconded by: Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports both letters dated June 11th, 2020, signed by the Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and addressed to the Premier of Ontario, to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and to the Minister of Long-Term Care, requesting an in-depth review of long-standing issues in long-term care and retirement homes, such as staffing requirements, governance models, physical structures and the regulations and requesting that the psychosocial and emotional health needs of residents in long term care and retirement homes be recognized and properly addressed, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and to our federal and provincial Parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried 🗸	Defeated	Deferred	Mayor, Marc Dupuis
-			President Officer

Recorded Vote

(unanimous unless indicated below)

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Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

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Item No:_

Date: July 20, 2020

DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND



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June 24, 2020

Municipality of Chatam-Kent 315 King Street West, P.O Box 640 Chatam-Kent, ON N7M 5K8

Re: Support Resolution

At its meeting held on June 23, 2020, the Township of Armour passed Resolution #5 supporting the Municipality of Chatam-Kent, Advantage Ontario, CanAge, The Alzheimer Society of Ontario, The Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health, Elder Abuse Prevention of Ontario, Family Councils Ontario, International Longevity Centre Canada, National Initiative for Care of Elderly, Ontario Residents of Residents Council, Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians and the Ontario Long Term Care Association and requests that the Province allocate resources to Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes to support the psychosocial and wellbeing of residents.

A copy of Council's Resolution #5 dated June 23, 2020 is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Danika Hammond

Administrative Assistant



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date:	June 23, 2020					
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July 7, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.

Premier of Ontario

Via E-Mail: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re:

Support for the Psychosocial and Emotional Wellbeing of Long-

Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) Residents

File Number:

PG.25.06

At a meeting held on July 6, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-200-20:

That <u>Communication Item 10.4</u> from Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, regarding Support for the Psychosocial and Emotional Wellbeing of Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) Residents, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington.

Accordingly, please find enclosed a copy of the Communication from Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, regarding Support for the Psychosocial and Emotional Wellbeing of Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) Residents.

Yours sincerely,

June Gallagher

Deputy Clerk

JG/cm

c. See attached list of interested parties



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June 24, 2020

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Long Term Care Home Improvements

At its meeting held on June 22, 2020, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird with respect to the conditions in Long Term Care homes exposed by the pandemic:

That due to the deplorable conditions exposed by the pandemic in LTC homes in the province, and because this is a time for action, not just continuous streams of investigations, commissions and committees, and because the problems have been clearly identified, that Sarnia City Council direct staff to send this motion to the 444 Ontario Municipalities, asking them to urge Premier Ford to start implementing the required resolutions immediately, as follows:

- 1. increasing hours for all part-time and casual labour
- 2. since the government provides funding for privatelyoperated homes, they have an obligation to inspect these homes and see that they are being properly run, and that funds are being used for the benefit of the residents and not the huge profitability of the operators, and
- 3. to end the neglect and unacceptable conditions being experienced, each day, by our vulnerable seniors.

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution. If your municipal council endorses this resolution, we would request that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the following:

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and

City of Sarnia, City Clerk's Office clerks@sarnia.ca

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown

City Clerk

cc: AMO



July 7, 2020

RE: TAPMO Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2020.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-166: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence item 4 listed for JUNE 17, 2020 Council meeting be received; and

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Sand, Stone and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council of Puslinch does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- (b) The Council of Puslinch believes there is a need to review the current



assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;

- (c) The Council of Puslinch hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and
- (d) The Council of Puslinch directs the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and {the local MPP(s)}

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely, Courtenay Hoytfox Deputy Clerk