

## **Memorandum**

**To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council**

**From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant**

**Date: May 25, 2020**

**Re: Council Information Package**

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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 May 11, 2020 Council Meeting.

### **2. Correspondence From**

- (a) Letter from Neil Zohorsky, Regional Director, West Region, Ministry of Transportation to Mayor Darrin Canniff dated May 6, 2020 re 2020-21 Connecting Links Program Funding.
- (b) Copy of a letter addressed to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister from Mayor Canniff dated May 7, 2020 re COVID-19 Crisis.
- (c) Letter from the Alzheimer Society of Ontario addressed to Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care dated May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 re Support for Long-Term Care Residents during COVID-19.
- (d) Copy of a letter from Annamaria Cross, Director, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to Cathy Smith, Project Manager, Ridge Landfill Expansion dated May 15, 2020 re Notice of Completion Review – Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion.

### **3. Resolutions**

- (a) Resolution from the Township of Montague dated April 27, 2020 re Supporting Town of Midland resolution regarding tax payments.

- (b) Resolution from the Town of Grimsby dated May 6, 2020 re Support for Commercial Rent Assistance Program.
- (c) Resolution from the Township of North Frontenac dated May 13, 2020 re Framework for Reopening our Province – Residential Construction in Rural Areas.
- (d) Resolution from the City of Kitchener dated May 15, 2020 re Establishment of a Universal Basic Income.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
1,180	May 11, 2020	<b>NOM RE: Event Booking</b> - "Whereas Council has made an effort and commitment to support community groups across Chatham-Kent. And whereas the Municipality has worked in partnership with the Wallaceburg Kinsmen Club for several years to handle bookings for their community centre. And whereas this Public Use Agreement with the Kinsmen is set to expire this year. Therefore be it resolved that administration investigate and provide options for Council to consider for this event booking agreement to continue, not only with the Wallaceburg Kinsmen, but with other community groups across Chatham-Kent. A staff report will be brought back before Council on or before the August 10, 2020 Council meeting."	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Hall	25-May-20

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May 6, 2020

His Worship Darrin Canniff  
Mayor  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
315 King Street West  
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Dear Mayor Canniff:

Thank you for your application to the Ministry of Transportation's 2020-21 Connecting Links Program.

We received 49 submissions this year, and all were carefully reviewed by the ministry. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding in 2020/21. We encourage you to contact Zsolt Katzirz, Regional Operations Officer, in our London Office at 519-873-0486 to discuss your submission and the reason for this decision.

The ministry recognizes the importance of investing in Connecting Link infrastructure. I encourage your municipality to submit a project(s) for the 2021-22 Connecting Links Program, which will be open for applications later this year.

Thank you again for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

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Neil Zohorsky, P. Eng.  
Regional Director, West Region

c. Don Shropshire, CAO

May 7, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building Rm 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

Thank you for the outstanding work your governments have done to address the COVID-19 crisis.

While the crisis has presented many challenges for our Municipality related to both increased expenses and decreased revenues, the impact on many business has been severe. The foodservice industry is in dire straits across Ontario. With little to no revenue, many restaurant operators will be unable to pay rent and other fixed costs, forcing them to permanently close their doors before recovery can even begin.

Mayors have been encouraged by your actions and public statements that the provincial Premiers and Prime Minister are meeting and discussing options to address the need for up to three months of rent relief for small businesses that have been hardest hit by the crisis.

The Federal and Provincial governments can assist businesses to address the spectre of impending rent with the following essential steps:

- An immediate moratorium on commercial evictions
- A program of direct rent subsidies to businesses equivalent to the business's sales volume reduction
- Measures to continue throughout the recovery period to allow business to ramp back up
- As these measures have been for the greater public good, Government should compel landlords and banks to share the cost of the emergency measures. They should not be borne solely by the lessee.

Both of you have been very clear in your public statements that you are aware of the crisis the cities and our businesses are facing. When we move into the recovery phase of the COVID-19

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pandemic, we will need every business available to pull together and cities to provide essential municipal services that support the Province, its businesses, and Ontario's residents.

Thank you for your continued leadership in the face of this crisis.

Sincerely,

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Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C:     Dave Epp, MP Chatham-Kent-Leamington  
         Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
         Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington  
         Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex



May 8, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Hon. Christine Elliott  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Ministry of Health  
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Hon. Merrilee Fullerton  
Minister of Long-Term Care  
6th Floor, 400 University Ave  
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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/](http://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 immediate attention and allocated resources 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 exclusively 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.

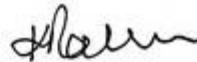
Sincerely,



Cathy Barrick  
Chief Executive Officer  
Alzheimer Society of  
Ontario



Lisa Levin  
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AdvantAge Ontario



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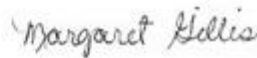
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Ontario Long Term Care Association

cc: 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  
Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health

**Ministry of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks**

**Ministère de l'Environnement, de la  
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VIA EMAIL

May 15, 2020

Cathy Smith, Project Manager  
Ridge Landfill Expansion  
Waste Connections of Canada  
20262 Erieau Road  
Blenheim ON NOP 1A0

Dear Ms. Smith:

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Completion of Ministry Review and the ministry's Review of the Ridge Landfill Expansion Environmental Assessment (EA). The ministry has prepared this Review for public, government and Indigenous community comment. However, this Review does not make a decision on the EA. The decision is made by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks after the comment period is over.

Sincerely,



Annamaria Cross  
Director  
Environmental Assessment Branch

Enclosures

c: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent—Leamington  
Judy Smith, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

cc: EA Ref No. 16019

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT SECTION 7.1  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF MINISTRY REVIEW**

**AN INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE MINISTRY REVIEW OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
RIDGE LANDFILL EXPANSION**

An environmental assessment (EA) has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by Waste Connections of Canada for the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion undertaking near Blenheim in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has prepared a Review of the EA for public, Indigenous community and agency comment. The Review of the EA does not make a decision on the EA. That decision is made by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks after the Review comment period is over and the consideration of all submissions.

**You can submit comments on the undertaking, the EA, and the ministry's Review. You may also request a hearing by the Environmental Review Tribunal. If you request a hearing you must state in your submission, whether you are requesting a hearing on the whole EA application or only on specified matters related to the EA.**

**HOW TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED**

You can inspect the Review on the Government of Ontario webpage for this EA:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ridge-landfill-expansion>

The EA is available for reference on the proponent's project website:

<https://www.ridgelandfill.com/our-future-plans>

**Please ensure your written comments are received by June 26, 2020.**

SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

Director  
Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
Attention: Carolyn Lee, Special Project Officer  
E-mail: Carolyn.Lee@Ontario.ca

We apologize that we are only able to accept electronic submissions at this time.

## **BE SURE TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS**

If you make a submission or request a hearing before the above date, you will be notified of the decision on this EA. Otherwise, the undertaking may proceed without further notice to you.

If no submissions or requests for a hearing are received, the undertaking may be approved with no further public notice. This will allow the undertaking to proceed.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in all submissions become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.

Published May 22, 2020



April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau via email  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Re: Federal Assistance for Municipalities

Dear Prime Minister:

Municipalities across Canada are working hard to respond to the ongoing international crisis. On a day-to-day level, Canadians depend on municipal services including fire and emergency services, essential road maintenance, garbage and recycling, bylaw enforcement, and building permits. However, municipalities need help from our federal partners to deliver these services while also supporting their residents.

At the Regular Meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following motion:

MOVED BY: J. Carroll  
SECONDED BY: I. Streight

RESOLUTION NO: 88-2020  
DATE: April 21, 2020

That the Township of Montague supports the proposal in principle from the Town of Midland, for the federal government to provide grant funding municipalities to forgive tax payments.

And that the motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario; local MPs and MPPs and AMO

CARRIED

Please find the attached letter from the Town of Midland detailing a potential funding arrangement. The Township of Montague supports this, or the proposed funding arrangement recommended by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities through the Gas Tax Fund, also attached.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph  
Clerk Administrator

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Cc: All Ontario Municipalities



**March 23, 2020**

By Fax to: 613.941.6900 & Twitter @CanadianPM, @JustinTrudeau

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block,  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic**

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It is trite to repeat the human and financial toll of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Similarly, the commitment of the federal, provincial and municipal governments toward alleviating the suffering of Canadians does not require repeating.

We, at the Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, are proposing what we believe to be a simple but effective solution to facilitate the delivery of our common and shared commitment to the financial and psychological well-being of all Canadians.

**Proposal:**

**1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$ 500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$ 1,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above \$1,000,000.00.

**2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$ 10,000,000.00; and
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,000.00 and \$ 50,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00.

### 3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

#### **Advantages of the Proposal:**

1. Quick and timely relief;
2. Direct relief to all Canadian homeowners and the business community;
3. Directly protects Canadians who although may be solvent, are unable to easily meet the financial pressures beyond their personal capacity due to COVID-19;
4. No additional resources required to assess individual need and delivery of the relief;
5. Negligible overhead costs for the disbursement of the relief. In fact, it may cut-down on some of the work for municipal staff; and
6. The financial stimulus received from the federal government will come into circulation immediately and will stay in the community.

There are a multitude of other direct and indirect financial and non-financial benefits that will result from the implementation of this proposal. The biggest non-financial impact is that Canadians will see an immediate financial relief respecting the pressures to make their property tax payments and be better positioned to address other essential needs. In turn, removing this added stress will provide some relief to the already strained financial and health systems.

As you are aware, Canadians are entering this time of crisis with a very high amount of house-hold debt and a great deal of financial fragility. Taking this simple step should alleviate some of those pressures. At the same time, it will keep your municipal governments, and school boards primed for continued productivity and forward momentum to address the fallout from COVID-19.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

**The Corporation of the Town of Midland**



Stewart Strathearn,  
Mayor  
[ssrathearn@midland.ca](mailto:ssrathearn@midland.ca)



Amanpreet Singh Sidhu,  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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c: Town of Midland Council  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Province of Ontario





**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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May 6, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
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The Honourable William Francis Morneau  
Minister of Finance  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister of Finance Morneau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Support for Commercial Rent Assistance Program**

At its meeting of May 4, 2020, the Town of Grimsby Council passed the following resolution:

*Moved by Councillor Ritchie; Seconded by Councillor Vaine;*

*Whereas these are unprecedented times that have not been seen in generations;  
and,*

*Whereas on April 16, 2020 the Canadian Federal Government announced a new  
program called the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance; and,*

*Whereas this program is to be developed in unison with the Provincial and  
Territorial counterparts; and,*





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*Whereas this program is to provide relief to small business (in Grimsby and throughout Canada) with their rent for the months of April, May, and June; and,  
Whereas many Provincial programs have been announced to date but have generally aimed at the residential, rather than the commercial, rent markets; and,  
Whereas many small businesses in the Town of Grimsby have been affected financially due to COVID-19, thus making rent payments difficult;*

*Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby endorse this program whole heartedly, and request the Federal Government of Canada to work with its Provincial and Territorial Partners to expedite this program and offer this program as soon as possible; and,*

*Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby ask the Federal Government, and Provincial and Territorial Partners look at the possibility of extending this program if the impacts of COVID-19 continue past the month of June; and,*

*Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby ask the Federal Government and its Provincial, and Territorial Partners to make this program 100 percent forgiving to the small businesses effected; and,*

*Be it further resolved that this motion be distributed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Minister of Finance, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario*

Regards,

Sarah Kim  
Town Clerk

SK/dk

Cc: Ontario Municipalities



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May 13, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281  
Legislative Building – Queen's Park  
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Via Email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Framework for Reopening our Province - Residential Construction in Rural Areas**

Please be advised the Council of the Township of North Frontenac passed the following Resolution at the May 8, 2020 Meeting:

**Moved by Councillor Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Perry #191-20**

**Whereas** on March 17, 2020 the government of Ontario announced that it was declaring a state of emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* so that the Province could use every power possible to protect the health and safety of all individuals and families during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**And Whereas** on Friday, April 3, 2020, the government of Ontario gave notice of changes to Ontario Regulation 82/20 being the Order for the temporary closure of places of non-essential business made under subsection 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, which reduced the list of essential businesses permitted to continue operation during the provincial state of emergency;

**And Whereas** Section 30 of the new Schedule 2 of Ontario Regulation 82/20 has been generally interpreted to prohibit residential construction where a building permit had not been issued prior to April 4, 2020;

**And Whereas** residential construction represents a significant number of jobs in rural Ontario and forms an integral part of the rural Ontario economy through considerable direct, indirect and induced impacts;

**And Whereas** on Monday, April 27, 2020 the government of Ontario released A *Framework for Reopening our Province*, which outlines the criteria Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will use to advise the government on the loosening of emergency measures, as well as guiding principles for the safe, gradual reopening of businesses, services and public spaces;

**And Whereas** Stage 1 of the *Framework* will consider the opening of workplaces that can immediately meet or modify operations to meet public health guidance and occupational health and safety requirements;

**And Whereas** residential construction in rural areas is characterized by single-family dwelling types situated on large lots, which are attended by a very limited number of

tradespersons and contractors at any given time, and are being constructed for specific clientele with planned occupancy dates;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of North Frontenac requests that the government of Ontario consider lifting the prohibition on residential construction where no building permit had been issued prior to April 4, 2020, in all instances where such construction can take place in accordance with the principles outlined in the government's *Framework for Reopening our Province* at its earliest opportunity in order to alleviate the economic hardships being experienced by rural Ontario's construction sector and the residents and families which it serves; **And That** this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

**And Further That** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), and to all rural Ontario municipalities, requesting their support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Mieske'.

Tara Mieske  
Clerk/Planning Manager  
TM/bd

c.c. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC)  
Rural Ontario Municipalities



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May 15, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special electronic meeting held on May 11, 2020, passed the following resolution regarding universal basic income:

"WHEREAS The World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020 declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to the growing number of cases of the coronavirus illness around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread; and,

WHEREAS in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kitchener have declared a state of emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has approved the Early Economic Support Plan, which provides financial and economic support measures to help reduce the financial strain on citizens and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS Statistics Canada has reported that the unemployment rate has risen to 7.8 per cent, with 1,011,000 jobs lost in March 2020, and that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the employment of 3.1 million Canadians; and,

WHEREAS the Federal government has announced \$82 billion in relief funding for the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, utilizing tax deferrals, subsidies, loans, and credits to support citizens, businesses, and industries; and,

WHEREAS according to a 2018 Parliamentary Budget Office report, a Canada-wide basic income of the type previously piloted in Ontario would have an annual net cost of \$44 billion; and,

WHEREAS a universal basic income would likely have many positive effects, including reducing poverty, reducing strain on health care and social assistance systems, supporting businesses and the economy, reducing crime, as well as reducing administrative complexity and creating efficiencies for those in need of financial and economic support measures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Kitchener urges the Ontario Provincial government to pursue a partnership with the Federal government for the establishment of a universal basic income;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Region of Waterloo; all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario; and, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.”

Yours truly,



J. Bunn  
Manager, Council & Committee Services/  
Deputy City Clerk

- c. Honourable, Doug Ford, Premier  
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.  
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.  
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.  
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.  
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.  
Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community & Social Services  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Kris Fletcher, Regional Clerk, Region of Waterloo  
Bill Karsten, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Ashley Sage, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries  
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Dawn Mittelholtz, Director of Information and Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk, Township of Wilmot  
Grace Kosch, Clerk, Township of Wellesley  
Olga Smith, City Clerk, City of Waterloo  
Val Hummel, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Woolwich  
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