

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council

From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant

Date: April 12, 2021

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. Correspondence From

- (a) Communication from Jan Simpson, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers dated February 12, 2021 re: Request for Support for Delivering Community Power - Resolution.
- (b) Communication from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks addressed to Mayor Darrin Canniff dated March 17, 2021 re Consolidated Linear Environmental Compliance Approval.
- (c) Communication from Anthony deNijs, President, 959699 Ontario Inc. re Letter of Notification re Cannabis Micro-Cultivation License.
- (d) Communication from the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Inc. addressed to Judy Smith, Municipal Clerk, dated March 19, 2021 re Open Letter from Cathy Seguin, President, ORFA.
- (e) Communication from the Ontario's Big City Mayors dated March 19, 2021 re Supportive Housing and Small Business restart motions passed March 19, 2021 at the OBCM Meeting.
- (f) Communication from Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure dated March 23, 2021 re Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure Regulation Extension.
- (g) Communication from Pan Dufresne, Community Outreach Officer, Ontario Feathered Aviators addressed to Mayor Canniff and Council dated March 18, 2021 re Zeitgeist, Ecology and Land Use.

- (h) Letter from Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, addressed to Head of Council dated March 29, 2021 re Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF).
- (i) Communication from Jeff Lehman, Mayor of Barrie, dated March 25, 2021, forwarding a message from FCM CEO Carole Saab re Federal Gas Tax Fund Transfer - Canada Community Building Fund.
- (j) Correspondence from Christine Elliott, Deputy Minister of Health addressed to Mayor Canniff dated March 30, 2021 and a communication from Susan Picarello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health addressed to the Chief Administrative Officer dated March 31, 2021 re Funding to Support Paramedic Services and Dispatch Centres.

2. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from the Region of Niagara dated March 4, 2021 re Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara.
- (b) Resolution from the Town of Kingsville dated March 25, 2021 re Bill C-21 an Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (Firearms).
- (c) Supporting resolution from the Town of Fort Erie dated March 23, 2021 re McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign.
- (d) Resolution from the Town of Cochrane passed March 23, 2021 re MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure.
- (e) Resolution from the City of Kitchener dated March 31, 2021 re Timelines for Review of Planning Act Applications.
- (f) Resolution from the Town of Caledon dated March 31, 2021 re Support for a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline.
- (g) Resolution supporting the Town of Amherstburg dated April 6, 2021 re Support for Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario.
- (h) Resolution from the Township of Hudson dated March 31, 2021 re Ontario Fire Department Apparatuses, Training and Equipment be included in future Infrastructure Programs.

3. Routine Approvals Delegated to Administration

- (a) Proclamation received from Kathleen Barnard, Founder and President of Save Your Skin Foundation dated March 18, 2021 re Proclamation - May as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month".

February 12, 2021

Subject: Request for Support for Delivering Community Power

Dear Municipal Leaders,

In 2016, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, with a coalition of allies, launched [Delivering Community Power](#) – a visionary program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities – all by making the most of our existing public postal service network.

Today, while progress has been made on many of the initiatives in the vision, the situation has become more urgent. Effects of climate change are deadly and are affecting nearly every part of society all around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the need for a more equal, more resilient society that prioritizes the health of our most vulnerable neighbours and loved ones, *before* profit. We are relying more than ever on the internet to connect people and to do our business, but rural residents are getting second-class service.

The continuing decline of letters combined with a dramatic rise in parcels from e-commerce makes it plain to see: the postal service has to adapt to a new reality. This is a great opportunity to address multiple problems at once, with a valued public infrastructure that connects everyone in their own community.

Please consider proposing the attached resolution to have your municipality endorse the campaign for expanded services, financial viability, climate action, and – all through leveraging our public postal system. The time is now!

Thank you for your support!



Jan Simpson
National President
Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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SUPPORT DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

Whereas there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post's letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas “The Way Forward for Canada Post,” the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that _____ endorse *Delivering Community Power*, and write to the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister for Public Services and Procurement, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send your resolution to: Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1, 11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5

Please send copies of your resolution to:

Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3

Your Member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by calling 1-800 463-6868 (at no charge) or going to the Parliament of Canada website: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

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DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

**POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
POST CARBON ECONOMY**

FOUNDING PARTNERS



the leap manifesto

A Call for a Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another



COALITION MEMBERS



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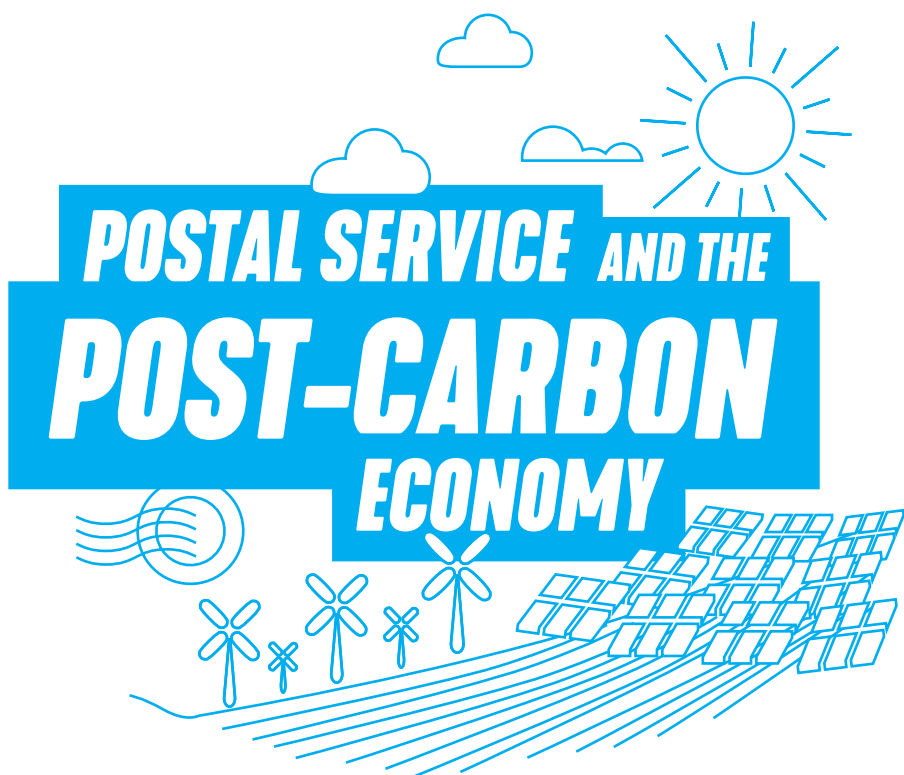
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**DELIVERING
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We are at a crossroads. Our land, air and water are already feeling the effects of climate change. Economic inequality and precarious work are on the rise. Layoffs in fossil fuels extraction industries are leading to more economic uncertainty. Scientists tell us that, to prevent climate catastrophe, we must transition completely off fossil fuels in our lifetime.

Canada can run entirely on renewable electricity by 2035 and transition to a 100% clean economy by 2050. If that's what we want, we have to start now.

“We can sometimes feel overwhelmed by the sheer number of urgent and complex issues before us. What’s beautiful about Delivering Community Power is how it takes on economic, environmental and social issues at the same time. Our post offices can become centres of community care and economic development, while bringing emissions down — this is the kind of leap we need in Canada.”

NAOMI KLEIN



We have to make a *Just Transition* — one that takes care of the people and communities paying the price for waste and pollution, and that also improves everybody's economic and social circumstances.

THE POSTAL SYSTEM CAN DRIVE THIS TRANSITION.

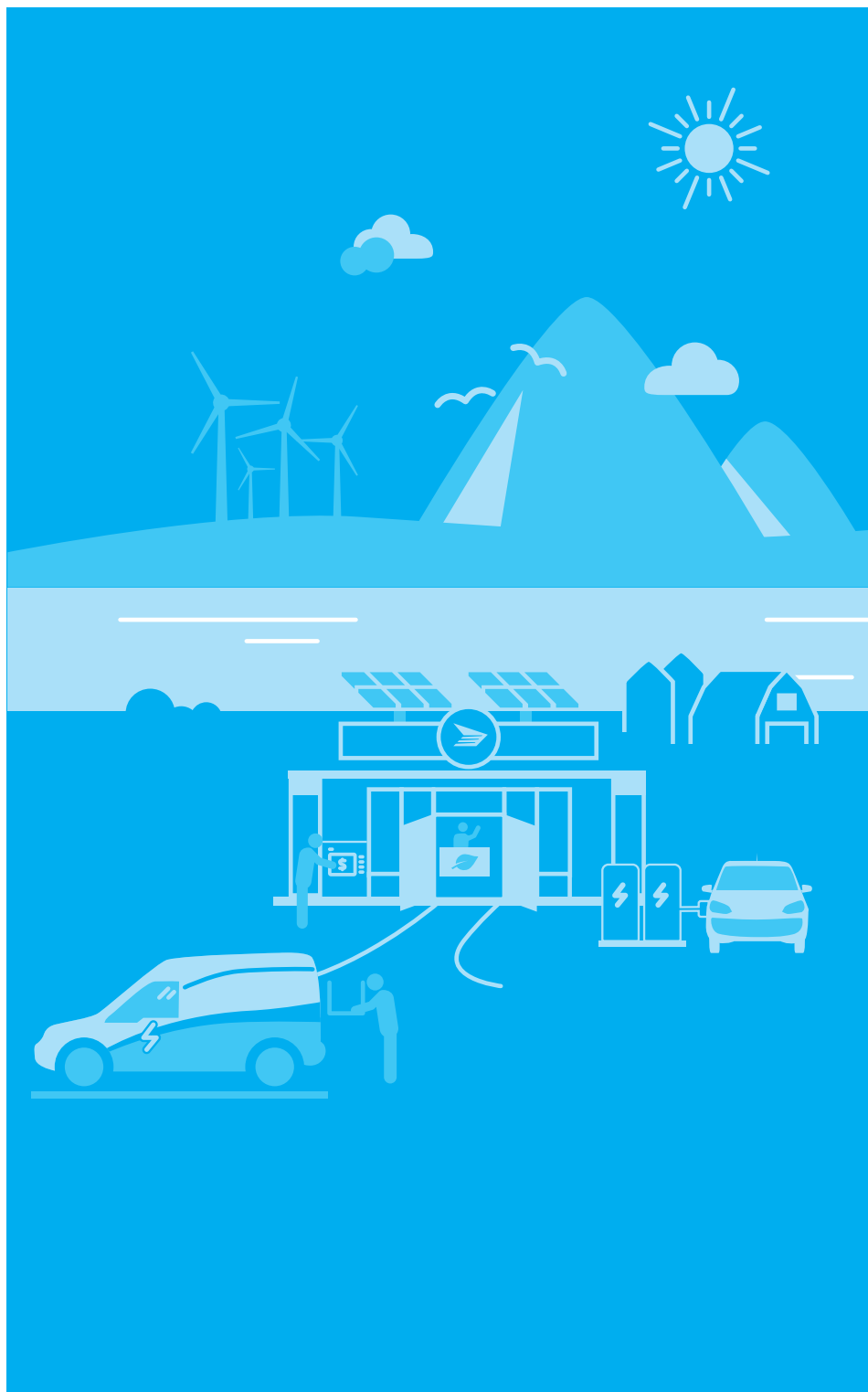
A just transition would create thousands of stable, well-paid jobs, help replace unsustainable fossil-fuel-based jobs, and support those who have suffered the negative impacts of polluting industries. We can reduce poverty and improve quality of life for people across the country. We can do all this while recognizing and respecting treaty and other rights of Indigenous peoples, and bringing better services to First Nations and the North. We can bring internet access, digital training and support to every corner of the country. And we can support our seniors and strengthen our communities in the process.

YES, WE'RE THINKING BIG. WE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO.

A revitalized Canada Post can lead the way; read on to see how. If you want a renewable energy infrastructure, affordable banking and financial services, diversified delivery services including food, expanded elder care and a stronger local community and economy, join the Delivering Community Power campaign today.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

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REIMAGINING OUR POSTAL SERVICE

Many Canadians see Canada Post as a place to mail a care package, buy stamps, pick up online purchases, or buy the latest commemorative coin. Some consider the post office past its prime: the last decade has seen efforts to cut, devalue and undermine this self-sustaining public service. But the cuts have been fiercely resisted by people across the country, and we stopped the Harper-era cuts. It's time to think about growth and not just preservation.

What if our cherished national institution, with its vast physical infrastructure and millions of daily human interactions, could offer us more? What if the post office could play a central role in building our next economy — an economy that is more stable, more equal, and less polluting?

**It's a powerful vision but we will need support to make it happen.
*Will you join us?***

IMAGINE...

- Charging stations for electric vehicles at post offices
- A renewable energy postal fleet
- Postal banking that provides inclusive financial services, especially to those underserved by commercial banks, like in rural and many Indigenous communities
- Door-to-door mail carriers checking in on seniors and people with mobility issues, keeping more people in their own homes for longer
- Post offices as community hubs for digital access and social innovation, connecting communities and climate-friendly businesses to customers
- A consolidated last-mile delivery service that eases congestion in urban centres and reduces the environmental impact of our cities

We want a 100% renewable economy that addresses inequality, empowers us to make change, and improves our lives.

Our post office can deliver it.

Meet the 21st century post office

Mary is going to her rural post office in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, to mail a letter. Things have really changed over the past few years.

Outside, her neighbour's electric car is plugged into the post office's public charging station. Next to it, a rural mail carrier is loading food and other products into a new electric Canada Post delivery van. On the post office's roof are solar panels, and a wall display tracks how much power they're generating.

Stepping inside, Mary sees a poster for programs that make solar panels and energy-saving home retrofits available to everyone. As the clerk takes Mary's parcel at the counter, she explains that the post office is once again offering banking services, providing the community with accessible banking and helping local businesses grow and thrive.

A week later, Mary heads back to the post office to sign up for solar panels. There is a lot of activity at the post office today as a group of young students are using the free community space to network and brainstorm their ideas for the community, and sharing the space with a local artisan's pop-up retail kiosk.

On the way out, she's greeted by a postal worker who just completed his route, which included checking in with some of the local independent-living seniors and those with limited mobility.

He reminds Mary that there are more options now that the post office is helping make broadband internet available in the area, extending farther than the big for-profit telecoms are willing to go.





Canada Post's vast infrastructure and delivery network has the potential to become the hub of a green and social economy. Here's how we could do it:

- 1** Transition the Canada Post fleet to **100% renewable energy**. Canada Post has the largest public vehicle fleet in the country. Infrastructure funding and wise investment from Canada Post's profits could add to the nationwide electric vehicle charging network — supporting a general shift to low-carbon vehicles. Postal electric vehicles could use new charging stations at depots and post offices that would serve the general public too.
- 2** **Retrofit Canada Post** buildings for energy efficiency. This could create local jobs, support apprenticeships and help inspire communities to take further action on energy and resource conservation.
- 3** Offer financial services through the post office again. **Postal Banking** would diversify and stabilize Canada Post's revenues the way it has done for numerous postal services worldwide. And with some of that revenue, the postal bank could have a social service mandate: to offer a better alternative to payday loans, support local businesses, ensure financial access for people currently underserved by the banks.

“Meeting our climate commitments requires a bold vision, and public support for that vision. By working closely with communities, Canada Post could deliver green innovation in ways that address their concerns and meet their needs.”

DAVID SUZUKI

- 4 Expand door-to-door delivery services. **Door-to-door delivery** of parcels and lettermail by a single mail carrier reduces emissions, compared to every customer driving to pick up their mail.
- 5 **Expand services** to support seniors, people with disabilities, and others who need some support to live independently in their homes. Mail carriers, already the eyes and ears of their neighbourhoods, could check in on seniors, and connect residents to other public health and social services.
- 6 Turn post offices into **community and digital access hubs**. Local entrepreneurs can use the post office as a meeting space or pop-up shop to connect with customers, and the post office could also become a uniquely dependable showcase of local quality products. Post offices could help bring affordable internet access, and digital training and support to the 3.4 million Canadians who lack it. And in some communities the post office could be the place to use high-speed internet for those who don't have access at home.

We own the biggest
retail network in
the country.

*What will we do
with it?*

4,613
TIM HORTONS



6,300
POST OFFICES



Note: Some of these 6300 are full-service corporate-operated post offices, while some are franchises. All of them are contact points with people in the communities where they live and work. Combine this with the only delivery network that goes to everyone, and that's the scale of infrastructure we have to build on.

WHY CANADA POST?

What would you do if you owned...

- **The biggest chain of retail outlets in the country?**
- **A way to easily communicate and connect with every household from coast to coast to coast?**
- **A logistics network that can reach people and move materials to every corner of the world's second-largest country?**

We own it. Canada Post isn't just a mail and parcel delivery service; it's a powerful national logistics network that could address some of our most pressing challenges, such as:

- **climate change**
- **supporting an aging population to live independently**
- **providing financial services to remote and low-income communities**
- **using revenues to help fund other public initiatives.**

And the Canada Post Act, which created the service, mandates the postal service to adapt to our communications needs as they change.

“Postal workers operate a network every day that connects everybody in the country with services that they rely on. We know our neighbours and our customers and we see their needs. The urgency for action on climate change is evident in our work. We’re proud of the service and we know its potential. We just need the support to make it a reality.”

JAN SIMPSON

CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS



For longer than Canada has been a country, Canada Post has provided the same world-class service to everyone in the country. By reinventing our post office as the engine of the next economy, we will connect people and communities into the next century.

As lettermail decreases and parcels rise with the explosion of e-commerce, Canada Post has to respond and adapt. We can make sure that the shift serves our real changing needs, and addresses climate change too. This is the moment!

Plus, some of these ideas would even help boost Canada Post's revenues or save costs — helping to keep the service financially self-sustaining.

LOGISTICS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

The growth of the internet has had far-reaching changes on most people's lives. For Canada Post, it has led to a decline in the amount of letters delivered, but also an explosion of parcel deliveries due to online shopping. And there's the opportunity: as a cherished institution with unparalleled presence in communities large and small, the largest fleet and retail network of anyone, Canada Post could be the instrument to retool our society for a major environmental shift.

The explosion of parcels also means that in big cities worldwide, city streets are increasingly congested by deliveries. Too many different deliveries are being done by vehicles that aren't filled to capacity, adding to congestion and air pollution.

Canada Post should be used to the fullest by government to reduce traffic in major urban areas. Getting everything delivered with fewer vehicles must become a priority. Canada Post already delivers the "last mile" for many large parcel companies in many rural areas. The Belgian Post is pioneering a similar service in cities.

INSPIRED BY INNOVATIONS IN POSTAL SERVICES WORLDWIDE

The **United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, Brazil** and **Italy** all have successful postal banking services that assist rural, remote and low income communities while providing stable revenues for the postal service. **Russia, China** and **India** are now implementing postal banking.

Japan expanded postal worker service to provide assistance to seniors, deliver food, check in on those with limited mobility. And they offer insurance coverage.

Swiss Post combined public transportation with mail transport in rural areas. The Post also offers online payment processing for businesses.

The German postal service, **Deutsche Post**, is now manufacturing an electric delivery vehicle in three sizes. They developed their own custom vehicle, the Streetscooter, specifically to deliver mail and parcels.

Australia Post acts as an alternative to Paypal.

Poste Italiane provides e-commerce services for businesses.

The **French post office** has many similarities to Canada Post — fewer letters, and an increasing number of parcels. La Poste has risen to the challenge of a changing world through embarking on the provision of new services, all the while maintaining to-the-door, six-day-a-week delivery. The French postal bank is enormously profitable, earning profits before tax of 1.1 billion Euros in 2017. But it doesn't stop there, as La Poste has embarked on new services focused on the “silver economy” — such as checking in on seniors using delivery agents.

An illustration of a green landscape. In the background, several white wind turbines are silhouetted against a light green sky. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with several small, simple houses and a few stylized trees. The overall scene represents a sustainable, renewable energy landscape.

“In Germany, many municipalities now produce more power from renewable sources than they consume — creating 400,000 new jobs in the process. Widespread local participation was the key to making that transition happen. Canada Post and postal banking can help bring this same approach to Canada, speeding the transition to renewables in ways that directly benefit local communities.”

DR. HANS THIE
ADVISOR TO DIE LINKE

TADZIO MUELLER
ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION



Postal banking is relatively straightforward: like the big banks you're used to, post offices can provide everyday financial services like chequing and savings accounts, loans and insurance. In many countries, postal banks are also mandated to provide financial access for all citizens and to play a role in addressing social inequalities.

While hundreds of thousands of Canadians don't have bank accounts at all, Canada's six largest banks earned more than \$42 Billion in 2017. Access to banking is particularly limited for Indigenous communities; only 54 of 615 First Nations are served by local bank branches.

About 2 million people a year in Canada use payday lenders, which often charge interest rates of over 400%.

Every year, workers in Canada transfer billions of dollars in remittances overseas, but the cost of sending money can be as high as 20% on smaller amounts. These high rates hurt the people that depend upon them the most.

“Rural Canada needs better services, especially in over 1200 communities where we have a public post office and there are no banks or credit unions. For example, in Welshpool, New Brunswick, people have to take a ferry to the US and then cross back into Canada just to get to a bank! Why should rural residents have to travel for hours when they could just go to their Postmaster?”

BRENDA MCAULEY

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, CANADIAN POSTMASTERS AND ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Postal banking could provide the financial services that everyone needs at affordable rates.

It could also be used to deliver government loans, grants and subsidies to boost renewable energy development and energy-saving retrofits. By offering banking services through its network of over 6000 postal outlets, Canada Post could overnight become the most accessible bank in the country.

WHAT WOULD POSTAL BANKING LOOK LIKE HERE?

- access to financial services for everyone including savings and loan, insurance, investments
- public-interest mandate for financial inclusion
- better rates on international remittances

“Renewable manufacturing production. Retrofitting. Better rural services. Assistance for seniors. When I look at this proposal, I see the potential for thousands of good jobs, in every community across the country. Let’s make it happen.”

DONALD LAFLEUR

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS





GREEN JOBS

Purchasing Canadian union-made electric cars and vans for the postal fleet could create jobs for auto workers and mechanics, boosting our manufacturing sector.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Turning post offices into charging stations for electric cars would help build Canada's green infrastructure.

DIGITAL ACCESS

Post offices could become community internet providers in underserved areas, provide services like 3D printing, support for e-Government services like the census, and could provide connectivity through mobile devices as well.



FINANCING COMMUNITIES AND CLEAN ENERGY

Providing access to credit via a postal bank to those dependent on seasonal, precarious, or low-income work can stop predatory payday lenders, while communities could access one-stop support for clean energy grants, energy-efficient heating systems, green power generation and cost-saving retrofits.

SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT-LIVING SENIORS

In some locations in Canada as well as in France and Japan, postal workers check in on seniors and others who need support to live independently in their homes. We could roll out a national program to help connect Canada's aging population with healthcare and social services; deliver grocery orders; and bring peace of mind to their loved ones.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Canada Post offices could connect innovative local businesses to customers and communities through the largest retail network in the country.

NATION-TO-NATION CONNECTIONS AND SERVICES

Indigenous peoples have been rising up as defenders of the land, fighting for a greater voice so as to guide us all on the path to our sustainable future. Canada Post began as a part of the colonial system — we have to recognize that as our starting point and acknowledge that Indigenous peoples have a right to reshape it and help determine its future role in connecting the peoples who live here.

Meanwhile postal and other services to First Nations, and many Métis and Inuit populations, are often lacking. Postal services themselves, which should serve all residents of this land evenly, are inconsistent, franchised out, and delivered differently in many indigenous communities. In the North, Canada Post has cut back service in many ways, including eliminating flat rate pre-paid shipping boxes, and even withdrawing services from some communities.

The federal government requires Canada Post to be financially self-sufficient, but this doesn't mean it couldn't make basic services a priority, using the postal network to promote health and equity for residents on reserves and in the North.

Canada Post used to operate the Food Mail program, which helped make healthy food more affordable in the North, but the program was replaced with Nutrition North, which subsidizes retailers instead and isn't getting reliable results. Bringing back an improved version of Food Mail could make a real difference in the health and food security of northern residents.

“Boom and bust resource extraction has polluted our communities and spoiled much of our lands. But Indigenous peoples are at the forefront fighting for alternatives. Jobs that don’t destroy our land and water. Affordable access to renewable energy, banking services and secure healthy local food. This proposal will make a difference in First Nations and rural communities across the country.”

CLAYTON THOMAS-MULLER

STOP IT AT THE SOURCE CAMPAIGNER, 350.ORG

Payday loans and predatory credit services take advantage of vulnerable populations, disproportionately hurting Indigenous people. Postal banking, with a mandate for financial inclusion for all, could address financial problems for many vulnerable people instead of leaving them to rely on the for-profit legal loan sharks, trapped in a cycle of debt.

Canada Post’s workforce still under-represents the Indigenous population. CUPW is working to push Canada Post to adopt more inclusive hiring practices. The Delivering Community Power vision cannot be complete until access to jobs is equitable and the systemic racism and suppression of traditional teachings is addressed. We’ll need everyone’s wisdom to make this happen.



We know this is an ambitious package of proposals.

With the will and energy, we could start on a few parts of the vision right away:

- **public-access EV charging stations**
- **green building retrofits**
- **promoting post offices as community hubs that are responsive to community needs**
- **senior check-in**
- **grocery delivery**

... others within a year or two:

- **electric vehicle fleet transformation, supporting canadian auto plants in producing EVs**
- **postal banking**
- **consolidated last-mile delivery**
- **bring back the Food Mail program**
- **review and improve services to First Nations and Inuit communities**
- **rural and remote high-speed internet access**

... then one day:

- **overhauled food distribution network**
- **carbon-free, renewable and self-sufficient energy network for the postal system**

WHAT POSTAL WORKERS ARE DOING TO REALIZE THIS VISION

- We are building political will for change — bringing together more and more allies, municipalities, and activists to endorse the Delivering Community Power vision
- We walk the walk. CUPW has audited its own environmental footprint and identified areas to mitigate it in its buildings, its transportation, and other operations. We are ready to lead by example.
- CUPW has included the ideas in this document — postal banking, electric fleet transformation, building retrofits, and the rest — as demands in negotiations with Canada Post, putting the vision right at the heart of the union's work.
- CPAA is mobilizing with rural residents in our communities to keep rural post offices open and fight the reduction of services.
- CPAA is vigorously campaigning for postal banking and raising awareness among Postmasters, Assistants, and rural communities.
- We're working on tools for postal workers to work with local Canada Post management to pursue these ideas in their own workplaces. Direct collective action in communities helps build the political will to make a large-scale transformation. Postal workers are trying to create joint environmental committees in the workplace.

WHAT IS A JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE?

Joint environmental committees are a forum where workers and employers come together to analyse the environmental impact of a workplace. They then map out solutions based on the knowledge and skills of the people who know the workplace best - the workers who do the job everyday. Workers identify areas where work practices can be modified to reduce emissions, providing bottom-up solutions instead of attempted top-down solutions. In Europe, many unions have lengthy experience and successes with joint environmental committees. Autoworkers in Canada are working with the model. It's time for Canada Post to use the expertise of postal workers to make meaningful reductions in emissions.

Delivering Community Power is a bold vision for the future we want. To make it a reality, we need people across the country to let the government know it's time to act.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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Join us. Visit www.DeliveringCommunityPower.ca to join the call for Canada Post to Deliver Community Power.

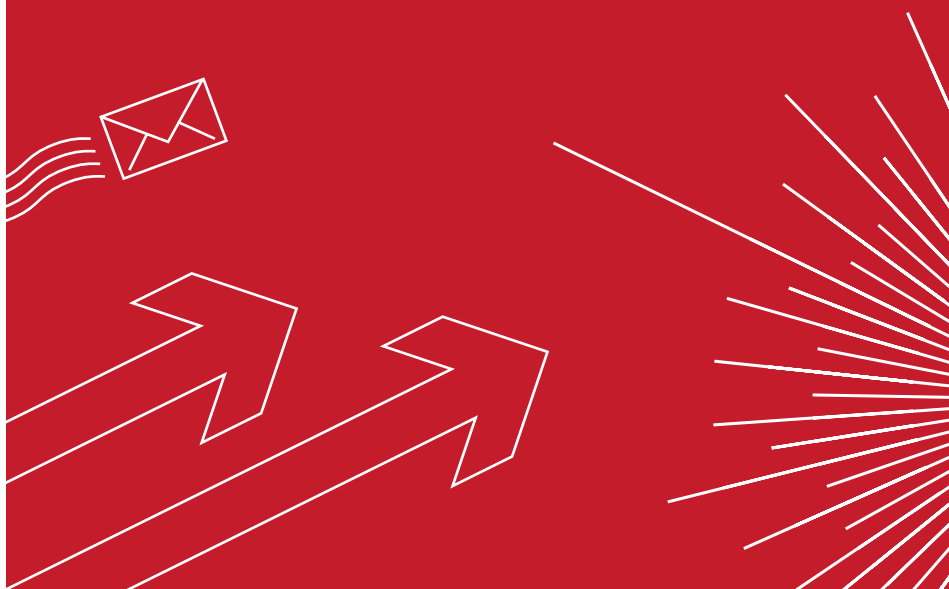
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Bring the campaign to your community!

- Join or host a local event
- Collect petition signatures & show your MP that it's what voters want
- Request free copies of this booklet to share with friends, family, co-workers

3

Support your postal workers in their negotiations with Canada Post — they've put these proposals on the bargaining table!



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Just Imagine...

- a renewable-powered postal fleet that delivers mail, parcels, groceries, and more
- a minimized carbon footprint for a network that reaches all of us every day
- an expanded role for door-to-door mail carriers that strengthens the social fabric of your community
- post offices as hubs for green innovation and community connections, connecting local services with customers, and helping fill the rural broadband service gap
- postal banking, providing financial services that are here to stay in small towns, and financial inclusion for marginalized urban communities
- Canada Post leading the green energy transition

We must move now toward a renewable and sustainable economy that addresses social inequality, respects worker democracy, and delivers the goods and services we need.

The post office can deliver it.

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From: Minister, MECP (MECP) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca>
Sent: March 17, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Darrin Canniff <Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Ontario Moves Forward with Consolidated Linear Infrastructure

Good afternoon,

I am happy to provide you with the news that my ministry is moving forward with the Consolidated Linear Approach for stormwater and sewage collection systems. The notice is available on the Environmental Registry, at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1080> (Number 019-1080).

Under this new consolidated process, you will no longer need to submit individual “pipe by pipe” applications for future alterations provided they meet the requirements and all other ministry approved conditions. Simple, routine changes including alterations, extensions, enlargements or replacement projects could be pre-authorized to begin construction without needing separate approvals for each project.

Projects that pose a significant risk to the environment will still receive the time and attention they are due.

These changes will allow my ministry and your municipal officials to focus efforts on higher-risk projects and get shovels in the ground sooner on critical infrastructure projects that so many of our towns and cities desperately need.

Ministry staff will be following up with you shortly with more details on how to apply for your Consolidated Linear Environmental Compliance Approval.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Christopher Manning, the ministry’s Licensing Program Coordinator, Client Services and Permissions Branch, at Christopher.Manning@ontario.ca or 647-982-8740.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Letter of notification to Chatham-Kent Municipality

315 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

To establish a cannabis micro-cultivation license subclass

Dear Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors and Staff,

I, Anthony deNijs, president of 959699 Ontario Inc. and a resident of Chatham-Kent municipality intend to apply to a legal micro-cultivation license subclass, where there will be outdoor and indoor cultivation not exceeding 200m² in the Wallaceburg area. The business will be run in accordance to Health Canada regulations and requirements for the industry. I applied to Health Canada and the application was submitted on February 17, 2021.

The related activities to be conducted for the micro-cultivation license subclass, where there will be outdoor and indoor cultivation not exceeding 200m², also, there will be post-harvest activities (drying, trimming, secure storage) conducted on-site in preparation for intra-industry sale.

I am notifying you and seeking your cooperation to operate at the following location:

- 27324 Prince Albert Road, Wallaceburg Ontario N8A 4L3

In accordance with Health Canada rules and regulations, the premise will be monitored electronically, and will be fenced and gated, with secured access.


I received municipal approval to establish the business in the location mentioned above, and prior to submitting my license application before the end of February 2021 to Health Canada, I hereby notify you of the establishment of the business in the near future.

If needed, I will make myself available to meet with you to address any concerns that may you have.

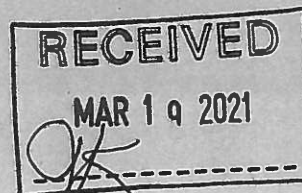
I can be reached on my cell at any time if needed at (519)-359-7474

I look forward to your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Anthony deNijs



From: Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Inc. <orfa@orfa.com>
Sent: March 19, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Judy Smith <JUDYS@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Open Letter to ORFA Members and Industry Employers



Dear Judith Smith, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

On behalf of Cathy Seguin, President of the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA), I would respectfully request consideration for the following "Open Letter" to be added as correspondence to the next Mayor and Council agenda for awareness.

As we are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all communities and has required a flexible and responsive approach. Over the past year, we have witnessed the vital role that recreation facility professionals, and recreation infrastructure (indoor and outdoor), play in our communities. While following public health guidance, providing even limited access to recreation has allowed our community residents to stay connected, support their physical and mental health, and hopefully encourages them to view a more positive, post-pandemic future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Milton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Milton

Chief Administrative Officer

OPEN Letter to ORFA Members and Industry Employers

Dear Colleagues,

As we are aware, the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all communities and has required a flexible and responsive approach. Over the past year, we have witnessed the vital role that recreation facility professionals, and recreation infrastructure (indoor and outdoor), play in our communities. While following public health guidance, providing even limited access to recreation has allowed our community residents to stay connected, support their physical and mental health, and hopefully encourages them to view a more positive, post-pandemic future.

You, and your team members, are the reason why great community recreation exists. I hope you will join me in recognizing the recreation facility professionals within your organization and thank them for their commitment and resilience to ensuring safe and enjoyable recreational activities and spaces.

As a member of the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA), we continue to support you in your operation and management of your community assets. Since last summer, ORFA has provided its members with timely, current and relevant pandemic-related information. In addition to ORFA's weekly e-news sent to all members, we encourage you to visit www.orfa.com to access other membership benefits, including:

- COVID-19 Updates and Toolbox including Recreation Facility COVID-19 Re-entering and Reopening Guiding Principles and Best Practices*
- Events: online self-study and virtual*
- Professional designations*
- Facility Forum magazine (print and digital)*
- Resource Centre (podcasts, webinars, best practice guidelines, discussion board)*
- Careers (job postings)*

Recreation facility professionals, through education, workplace-specific training, and professional certification, have the requisite skills, enhanced knowledge and empowered attitude to better operate and manage infrastructure in support of safe

facilities. Your ORFA membership allows you to invest in yourself, your staff, and your profession.

I wish to close by thanking our 7,000-plus members for providing critically important frontline and management services to our communities and for their support of corporate, municipal, provincial and federal directives that align in keeping your communities as safe as possible.

The ORFA is here to help. Please reach out to us at anytime!

Sincerely,



*Cathy Seguin, President
Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Inc.*

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Ontario's Big City Mayors urge Federal and Provincial governments to emphasize supportive housing and small business in restarting the economy.

March 19, 2021 – As vaccines begin to roll out more steadily, the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) caucus is calling for the federal and provincial governments to work together to develop a flexible plan to re-open that supports small business, increases well-being, and allows for a gradual return to normalcy.

OBCM recognizes the importance of public health measures in keeping Ontarians safe throughout the pandemic and is grateful for the supports from the Federal and Provincial governments thus far. As we mark the one-year anniversary of the pandemic, it is time to take stock and rethink our approach to public health restrictions so that small business owners can rebuild their businesses.

"Our locally owned businesses and restaurants are vital to the fabric of our communities. We must begin examining lessons learned and safe adjustments to the restrictive lockdown measures that were necessary at the start of the pandemic," said Mayor Jeff Lehman, OBCM Chair. "We look forward to continuing our work with both levels of government in finding more ways to support small businesses while continuing to support vaccination and recovery efforts."

At its caucus meeting, OBCM also discussed the importance of the Rapid Housing Initiative that has allowed municipalities to provide much needed housing for vulnerable residents. Compared to the need, this program is woefully underfunded. OBCM members are grateful for the support to housing projects in our cities, and would like to encourage the Federal government to consider additional funding as we move towards recovery.

Below is a list of motions passed at the March 19, 2021 OBCM meeting.

1. Rapid Housing Initiative Funding

Whereas: The Government of Canada, through CMHC, [launched the Rapid Housing Initiative \(RHI\)](#) to invest \$1 billion to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, especially in the context of COVID-19, through the rapid construction of affordable housing;

Whereas: This program allowed municipalities to create, develop and enhance important partnerships and new opportunities for more successful investment outcomes;

Whereas: The RHI program was extremely successful in attracting proposals and created opportunities for projects in many communities across Ontario, so much so that the initial \$1Bn investment falls well short of what is required;

Whereas: Without additional funding, there will be missed opportunities to support vulnerable populations and address the growing housing crisis in Ontario's cities;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That Ontario's Big City Mayors support an immediate additional investment in RHI funding to allow more projects to be approved, and encourage the Minister of Finance, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to continue to advocate for further funding for an expanded RHI program for similar projects in the future.

And further that as the program was underfunded relative to the overwhelming need for this program, that OBCM ensure funding envelopes in future reflect the demand.

2. Supportive Housing Funding

Whereas an effective solution for many of those experiencing homelessness is represented by supportive housing.

And whereas the government of Canada has allocated capital funding for supportive housing and has been requested by OBCM to allocate further funding to accommodate additional applications.

And whereas historically the operating funds needed to finance the actual supports offered in supportive housing units has come from the province specifically the Ministries of Health and Municipal Affairs.

And whereas the province has not yet committed to finance these operating expenses for a number of more recent supportive housing projects and those future projects where the capital is financed by the federal government.

Therefore OBCM requests that the government of Ontario take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity for all three orders of government to join together and significantly increase the supply of supportive housing across the province by committing to the operating funding which will accompany capital funding coming from the government of Canada, and which will be necessary to operate these supportive housing units which will benefit some of our most vulnerable residents in communities across Ontario.

3. Safe Restart Agreement Phase 2

That Ontario's Big City Mayors supports the request by the Ontario Public Transit Association to have unused (provincial) funds currently slated to expire on March 31, 2021 remain within the transit program and be allocated as needs arise later this year to help keep systems whole and able to serve the Ontarians who depend on them each day.

4. COVID Business Restrictions

Whereas: When the Province of Ontario went into lockdown and enforced a Stay-at-Home order on December 26, 2020, all restaurants across the province were forced to close in person dining for over 7 weeks;

Whereas: the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open placed hard cap restrictions on in person dining regardless of the size of the restaurants. Feedback from restaurateurs continues to be that in most cases the hard cap does not make reopening their businesses viable;

Whereas: Restaurants and the hospitality sector continue to be one of the most impacted sectors by COVID-19 public health measures and according to the latest Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB) data, will take 8 plus years to recover from the impacts of COVID-19. The industry requires specific short and long term supports to remain viable;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That Ontario's Big City Mayors call on the Federal and Provincial governments to provide the following supports and address the issues identified by Ontario's restaurant community:

- Address the key fixed costs facing the restaurant industry while they face steep revenue declines including the following actions:

1. Expand small business relief measures including the *Small Business Relief Grant* and *Property Tax and Energy Cost Rebates* to the hardest hit sectors including restaurants beyond the period when they are placed under grey/lockdown level;
 2. Provide wholesale pricing from the LCBO to restaurants to help increase margins on alcohol sales;
 3. Investigate and potentially legislate for the significant increases that restaurants and other businesses have seen (up to 30%) in insurance premiums despite no significant changes to the risks that are being insured;
- Establish capacity limits based on the safe, socially-distanced customer floor area of restaurants, rather than a fixed number of patrons
 - Provide supports and guidance to the restaurant industry and the public to increase consumer confidence and make it clear what is permitted/safe to do for residents and consumers to support the local restaurant industry while ensuring we stop the spread of COVID-19;
 - That the Provincial and Federal governments develop a long-term strategy of a minimum of three and up to five plus years that outlines what recovery is expected to look like for the Hospitality industry and long-term supports of one plus years that will be available to the industry to support their long-term survival and recovery.

5. COVID Business Restrictions

That the Province be urged to amend business restrictions to consistently apply a floor-area based approach to capacity restrictions across business sectors and organizations, when able to open safely.

About Ontario's Big City Mayors

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM), formerly known as the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 per cent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

Media Contact:

Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair
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From: Minister of Infrastructure <Minister.MOI@ontario.ca>

Sent: March 23, 2021 10:47 AM

To: Minister of Infrastructure <Minister.MOI@ontario.ca>

Subject: A message from the Minister of Infrastructure / Un message du ministre de l'Infrastructure

Dear Mayor / Stakeholder:

I am writing to share some great news with you about the *Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* regulation (O.Reg. 588/17). I am pleased to announce that the regulation has been amended to extend the upcoming phase 2 (July 1, 2021) timeline by one year, and subsequent timelines for phases 3 and 4 by one year. The amended regulation came into effect on March 15, 2021.

Our government recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented operational pressure on municipalities, which has made it increasingly difficult to meet the upcoming requirements under the regulation. We have heard concerns from several municipalities regarding the upcoming July 1, 2021 regulatory timeline, which requires every municipality to prepare an asset management plan for core infrastructure assets. While some municipalities were able to meet the deadline, we heard from many who were not. As such, we have taken action to address this important concern from our municipal partners. We believe these timeline extensions will empower municipalities to successfully complete their asset management plans, while addressing local priorities resulting from the impacts of COVID-19.

Good asset management planning allows municipalities to stretch capital dollars by helping them make well-informed, evidence-based decisions. It's about making the right infrastructure investments in the right places, at the right time.

With the resulting data, municipalities will be able to prioritize their investments. The data will also allow the province to make targeted investments while working with municipalities to help develop solutions that address structural challenges.

The revised regulatory timelines are as follows:

- Phase 2 (by July 1, 2022): Asset management plan for core infrastructure assets which include water, wastewater and stormwater assets, roads, bridges and culverts; within this, the plan for core assets must also include current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.
- Phase 3 (by July 1, 2024): Asset Management Plan for all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.
- Phase 4 (by July 1, 2025): Builds on phase 3 where plans shift from current levels of service to focus on proposed levels of service and related lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets.

For reference, the amended regulation can be found on the Ontario eLaws website:
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/170588#BK7>.

Thank you to all who provided feedback on this issue, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with our municipal partners on this important initiative.
Sincerely,

The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure



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March 29, 2021

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF).

As you know, OCLIF was announced in 2018 as a \$40 million initiative over two years to help municipalities with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization. The funding under the program has now been fully disbursed.

The province also committed that, if Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty on recreational cannabis over the first two years of legalization exceeds \$100 million, the province will provide 50 per cent of the surplus to those municipalities that did not opt out as of January 22, 2019.

I am pleased to be able to share a final update on this commitment. Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty for the period of October 17, 2018 to October 16, 2020 has exceeded \$100 million, meaning we will share 50 per cent of the surplus excise duties (the amount greater than \$100 million), **\$3,991,090**, with eligible municipalities.

The government will distribute this final payment this month as follows:

- Funding will be provided on a per household basis to municipalities that did not opt-out of hosting retail stores as of January 22, 2019, adjusted so that each recipient municipality will receive at least \$5,000.
- Lower-tier and upper-tier municipalities will receive funding based on 50% of their households. Upper-tier municipalities will receive funding in relation to opt-out decisions made by the lower-tier municipality. If a lower tier municipality opted-out, the upper tier municipality will not receive funding on a per household basis in relation to that municipality.

The government is providing this funding now to municipalities in a manner similar to past payments. This means municipalities will have the funds on hand to use for the implementation costs the fund was designed to support.

The Deputy Minister of Finance will write shortly to the Treasurers of recipient municipalities with details about the administration of this funding and attach each municipality's specific allocation notice. Payments will also be processed at that time.

Municipalities have been important partners in the successful implementation of the federal government's legalization of recreational cannabis. We look forward to continuing to work together in this regard.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board

c: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mark Lawson, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Finance
David Corbett, Deputy Attorney General
Greg Orenacsak, Deputy Minister of Finance
Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jane N Mallen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Division, Ministry of Attorney General
Erin McGinn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Business Enterprise Division, Ministry of Finance
Jonathan Lebi, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government and Planning Policy Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

From: Office of the Mayor <OfficeoftheMayor@barrie.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 2:12 PM
Subject: Critical New Support for Infrastructure

Members of OBCM - please find below a message from FCM CEO Carole Saab on today's Gas Tax Fund announcement. This is welcome news indeed and further support for the direct federal fiscal relationship with cities. I'm sure you are all delighted to hear this news, coupled with support from Ontario as announced yesterday, we are messaging thanks on behalf of the caucus to both the Governments of Canada and Ontario.

A Message from FCM CEO Carole Saab

To OBCM members:

This morning Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland announced a doubling of the federal Gas Tax Fund transfer for one year, as the **Canada Community Building Fund**. As a result of this announcement, an additional \$2.2 billion will flow to cities and communities from coast to coast to coast, directly empowering municipalities of all sizes to move the best projects forward and get shovels in the ground as quickly as possible. [In our statement](#), FCM welcomed today's announcement, which directly responds to FCM advocacy and the needs of hard-working municipal leaders across the country.

Thank you for all the advocacy efforts you've put in that helped us get to this point. But we don't want to take today's win for granted. To drive this home we want to encourage you to take a few minutes today and tomorrow to share the news and highlight your local examples of what the GTF has meant for your regions in past, and what this new funding can help you accomplish. We know local leaders have projects that are ready to go, from recreation centres to transit to water and wastewater system upgrades. This is a great opportunity to show our networks just how well Canada's cities can put direct, reliable and flexible funding to work to build greener, more resilient and inclusive communities.

We also learned this week that the federal budget will be handed down on April 19. That means we have just over three weeks to build on the momentum of today's announcement and continue our work on our other urgent pre-budget priorities, including the push for a durable solution to ongoing transit and operating shortfalls.

Keeping these priorities front and centre with your federal contacts, sharing local examples, and encouraging our colleagues to do the same will be instrumental. Stay tuned for additional pre-budget advocacy tools from FCM and don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need to support this work.

Sincerely,

Carole Saab
FCM CEO



Jeff Lehman

Mayor

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March 30, 2021

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His Worship Darrin Canniff
Mayor
The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West PO Box 640 Civic Centre
Chatham ON N7M 5K8

Dear Mayor Canniff:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health will provide The Municipality of Chatham-Kent up to \$15,925 in additional one-time funding for the 2020 calendar year and up to \$236,057 in one-time funding for the 2021 calendar year to support paramedic services and dispatch centres as part of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) response in the emergency health services sector.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Health Services will write to The Municipality of Chatham-Kent shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing the funding.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Mr. Don Shropshire, Chief Administrative Officer, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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March 31, 2021

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Mr. Don Shropshire
Chief Administrative Officer
The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West PO Box 640 Civic Centre
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Re: Ministry of Health Agreement with Municipality of Chatham-Kent effective the 28th day of March 2014 (the “Agreement”)

Dear Mr. Shropshire:

Further to the letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, in which she informed your organization that the Ministry of Health (the “ministry”) will provide The Municipality of Chatham-Kent up to \$15,925 in additional one-time funding for the 2020 calendar year for November 2020 to December 2020 and \$236,057 in one-time funding for the 2021 calendar year for January 2021 to March 2021 to support paramedic services and dispatch centres as part of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) response in the emergency health services sector.

I am pleased to inform you that your grant will be adjusted in your electronic transfer payments upon approval of funding.

This one-time funding is subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the reporting requirements as set out in Appendix A, enclosed with this letter. You will be required to submit an attestation with your actuals at year end. The ministry will then provide or recover the balance owing, as applicable.

You are required to monitor and track COVID-19 related spending separately from your regular program operating costs related to any previously approved base and one-time funding.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact Shawn Wolkowski, (A) Senior Field Manager, at 905-383-3676 or by e-mail at Shawn.Wolkowski@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Picarello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Picarello
Assistant Deputy Minister

Enclosure

- c: His Worship Darrin Canniff, Mayor, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Mr. Chris Case, Chief, Fire & Paramedic, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Mr. Jim Yuill, Director, Financial Management Branch
Mr. Jeffrey Graham, (A) Director, Fiscal Oversight & Performance Branch
Mr. Stuart Mooney, (I) Director, Emergency Health Program Management
& Delivery Branch, EHPMDB
Mr. Shawn Wolkowski, (A) Senior Field Manager, Southwest Field Office, EHPMDB

**Re: Ministry of Health Agreement with Municipality of Chatham-Kent
effective the 28th day of March 2014 (the “Agreement”)**

COVID-19 One-Time funding pursuant to section 4.2 of the Agreement. All terms and conditions contained in the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Funding Schedule Ministry of Health Emergency Health Services Sector One-Time Funding for COVID-19 Expenses to Paramedic Services Transfer Payments (TP) Recipients FY 2020-21					
Recipient Name	TP Recipient #	Service Type	Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2021 Funding	Adjustment of Actual Expenses (Nov 1 to 31 Dec 2020)	Net Funding
			A	B	C = A+ B
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	295	UTM	236,057	15,925	251,982

March 1 to December 31, 2020 One Time Funding for COVID-19 Expenses (previously funded)

Fiscal 2019-20 Mar 1 - 31 Funding	Fiscal 2020-21 Apr 1 - Dec 31 Funding	Mar 1 - Dec 31, 2020 Total Funding
D	E	F = D + E
14,800	564,078	578,878

APPENDIX A: One-Time COVID-19 Related Expense

Funding Related Program Policies and Guidelines

1. Purpose

- To provide one-time funding to support paramedic services and dispatch centres as part of the COVID-19 response in the emergency health services sector.

2. Eligible Expenses

- Eligible expenses include extraordinary costs incurred above and beyond regular ongoing emergency health services operating costs, related to COVID-19 planning, preparation and response activities for suspected and confirmed cases.
- Eligible expenses are to be categorized as follows and supporting documentations should be enclosed wherever possible:

Salaries, Wages and Benefits	All staff positions' categories of salaries, wages and benefits for duties performed that were directly related to COVID-19.
Training	All categories of training related to COVID-19 training, including development of training, back-fill and overtime for regular staff while on training and travel for training etc.
Equipment, Materials and Supplies	Purchase and related costs for the acquisition of personal protective equipment (PPE - see list below), powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) with hood barriers and other medical equipment, medication and other supplies, modifications to ambulances (see list below) and work spaces, etc.

- PPE may include:
Fit tested, seal-checked N95 respirators, full face shields, supplemental safety eyewear, gloves with extended cuff, single-use (disposable) impermeable aprons, full body barrier protection such as single use (disposable) impermeable gown that extends to at least mid-calf, single-use (disposable) impermeable boot covers that extend to at least mid-calf, and single-use (disposable) surgical hood, single use (disposable) impermeable coveralls with integrated or separate hood and integrated or separate impermeable boot cover.
- Modifications to ambulances may include:
Designated ambulances prepared for COVID-19 including draping material, driver compartment barriers, containment supplies such as impermeable bags to protect on-board equipment, disposable containment supplies such as containers for contaminated PPE

3. Non-Eligible Expenses

- Any expenses that are not specifically and exclusively related to COVID-19 such as costs related to infrastructure or major equipment expenditures etc.

4. Paramedic Services' Obligations

- Be required to determine and identify eligible COVID-19 related expenses.

- Make reasonable efforts to set out COVID-19 related expense as a separate line item from other amounts.
- Only use one-time COVID-19 related funding for the purposes of paying eligible COVID-19 expenses.
- Provide the supporting documentation (copies of invoices, general ledger, postings or other documents) for actual expenses incurred.
- The Paramedic Services will be required to return any funding not used for the intended purpose. Unspent funds are subject to recovery in accordance with the Province's year-end reconciliation policy.

Reporting Requirements

- Annual Reconciliation and Attestation due dates to be determined.
- The Paramedic Service is required to submit Audited Financial Statements with its Annual Reconciliation Report. The Audited Financial Statement must include appropriate disclosure regarding the Paramedic Services' revenue and expenditures related to the COVID-19 expenses.
- For the purposes of program evaluation and audit, the Province will seek assurances the funds have been disbursed as intended by these terms and conditions, through the submission of a written attestation from the Paramedic Services.
- All funding recipients will be required to submit such attestation with your actuals at year-end.
- The ministry will then provide or recover the balance owing, as applicable.

March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021
PHSSC 2-2021, February 16, 2021
Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Marie Norio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP
Prime Minister of Canada
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Prime Minister:

RE: Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)

At its Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

“205-2021

Moved By Councillor Thomas Neufeld, **Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

A Resolution concerning Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions-by-law.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-Essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex, Premier of Ontario The Honourable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honourable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honourable Erin O'Toole.”

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen
Deputy Clerk-Council Services
Legislative Services Department
skitchen@kingsville.ca

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: Hon. Erin O'Toole, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: MP Chris Lewis- Essex
cc: MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex
cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
cc: MP Shannon Stubbs
cc: Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg
cc: Mayor Larry Snively, Town of Essex
cc: Mayor Tom Bain, Town of Lakeshore
cc: Mayor Marc Bondy, Town of LaSalle
cc: Mayor Hilda MacDonald, Municipality of Leamington
cc: Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh
cc: all Municipalities in Ontario

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Community Services

Legislative Services

March 23, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Town of Lincoln – McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 22, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated March 18, 2021 requesting the Province of Ontario and the Niagara Region to support McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln's correspondence dated March 18, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Attach

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March 18, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL:
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – MCNALLY HOUSE HOSPICE AND END OF LIFE CARE

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign.

Moved by: Councillor Tony Brunet; Seconded by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

That the Council of the Town of Lincoln request the Provincial government, Regional government, all Niagara MP's and MPP's as well as municipalities to recognize and support the overall health of the Niagara community and end of life care required to alleviate the burden on hospitals; and

That the Council of the Town of Lincoln direct staff to report back on a financial contribution towards McNally House Hospice Expansion, commencing in 2022 to be funded over a five-year term.

CARRIED

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Received by
MARCH 22, 2021
COUNCIL

cc: Dean Allison, MP
Chris Bittle, MP

Tony Baldinelli, MP
Vance Badawey, MP
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"Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

March 29, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, passed the following resolution:

"Resolution No. 83-2021

Moved By: Todd Calaezzi

Seconded By: Robert Hutchinson

WHEREAS the Ontario Government announced the closure of 26 youth justice facilities; and

WHEREAS the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

WHEREAS children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive and flourishing adulthood; and

WHEREAS with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundreds and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE



Alice Mercier
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario
Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming – Cochrane



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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

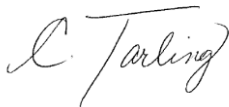
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Sent via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seebach, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Allan Thompson
Mayor

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), iscott@telesat.com
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

April 6, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Email: premier@ontario.ca

VIA EMAIL

Re: Support for Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on March 8, 2021, Council for the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20210308-073

"That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter of support regarding the City of St. Catherine's request for permanent universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond."

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg
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February 9, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford:

At its meeting held on February 1, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home; and

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness; and

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced; and

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, Niagara Region, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Cc Minister of Labour, Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca
Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre, JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca
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March 31st, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Attention: Premier Ford

RE: Support for Fire Departments

At the Township of Hudson's Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday March 3rd, 2021, the following resolution 2021-049 was put forward and passed:

WHEREAS the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Kemp', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Hudson

Via Email: kathy@saveyourskin.ca

March 28, 2021

Kathleen Barnard, Founder and President
Save Your Skin Foundation
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Re: May Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Thank you for your request regarding proclamations by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

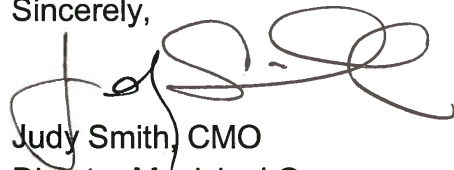
Council for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent passed the following resolution at its Council Meeting held on December 16, 2002: "*The practice of issuing proclamations be discontinued.*"

In view of this resolution, the Municipality offers the following alternative:

- a. arrangements can be made for the Mayor or council designate to be present at the Civic Centre for an official flag raising ceremony. You may contact Jessie Passa, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, at (519) 360-1998, Ext. 3001, for this assistance.

I trust this information will be helpful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C Mayor and Members of Council



March 18, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Dear Mayor and Council,

As May marks both Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month and the beginning of summer, it is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety at this time of the year. In order to keep your citizens aware, informed, and vigilant about the potential risks of over-exposure to UV radiation, we ask that you, as a mayoral body, **publicly proclaim May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in your municipality.**

Over-exposure to UV radiation is the leading cause of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. Though skin cancers should be largely preventable, their diagnosis rates are increasing. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. **1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes.** There are more new cases of skin cancer each year than the number of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers COMBINED. While most forms of non-melanoma skin cancer can be surgically removed, melanoma is an aggressive form of cancer. The five-year relative survival rate of melanoma that has metastasized is 18%.

Despite these figures, many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures, or believe that only severe burns contribute to one's risk of skin cancer. In fact, **any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage.**

Mayor of New Westminster, B.C., Jonathan Coté, has committed to proclaim May 2021 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and challenges other municipalities to follow his example by promoting sun safety, skin cancer awareness, and early detection information among their populations.

"People are spending more time outside now than ever and it's crucial that more be done to educate people on the importance of sun safety. This is why as Mayor of New Westminster, I'm happy to support this important initiative and challenge all municipalities to do the same." - Mayor Jonathan Coté

If you choose to make the proclamation, Save Your Skin Foundation will provide you with an online resource package providing information on these matters and a certificate recognizing your municipality's efforts.

Save Your Skin Foundation is a Canadian non-profit registered charity founded by North Vancouver resident and melanoma survivor Kathleen Barnard. It is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives like this one.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Barnard, Founder and President
Save Your Skin Foundation

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Draft Proclamation

"MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety;

AND WHEREAS Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers;

AND WHEREAS Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes;

AND WHEREAS Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage;

AND WHEREAS Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early;

AND WHEREAS Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives:

NOW, THEREFORE the month of May 2021 will hereby be proclaimed as

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH