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July 17, 2020

Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
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Dear Ms. Astrologo,

Re: Rent Assistance Program to include all Businesses in a Lease Agreement
Within all Residential-Above-Commercial Properties without a Cap on
Commercial/Residential Ratio

The letter received from Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, a copy of which is enclosed, was reviewed by the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on July 13, 2020 relating to the above noted item. The following, Resolution #29-23-2020, was carried and adopted by Council:

"THAT Council supports a resolution from the Town of Kingsville with respect to a Rent Assistance Program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all residential-above-commercial properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio."

The above is being provided for your information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PVM", written over a horizontal line.

Peggy Van Mierlo-West
Chief Administrative Officer

Encl.

cc. Premier, Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Rod Phillips; MPP, Bill Walker



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June 29, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

-and to-

The Honourable Rod Phillips (rod.phillips@pc.ola.org)
Minister of Finance
Frost Building South; 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Phillips:

RE: Kingsville Council request that the Rent Assistance Program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all "residential-above-commercial" properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio

At its Regular Meeting of June 22, 2020, Kingsville Council resolved the following:

391-2020

Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong

Seconded By Councillor Larry Patterson

Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has greatly impacted the business community in the Town of Kingsville;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has provided financial assistance including a multi-level Rent Assistance program to the business community impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic;

And Whereas the Rent Assistance program offered by the Province of Ontario established an arbitrary cap on multi-use properties where it is common for "residential-above-commercial" developments, especially in downtown and Main Street corridors;

And Whereas Kingsville, particularly in our downtown business centres, has several properties with residential-above-commercial where the ratio of commercial storefront businesses represents less than 30 per cent of the entire building, thus leaving a gap where local business owners cannot qualify for rent relief with their willing landlords;

And Whereas the Town of Kingsville's newly adopted Business Retention and Expansion Project Report identified that Kingsville businesses would benefit from the Province expanding the Rent Assistance program to include all commercial lease properties regardless of overall footprint.

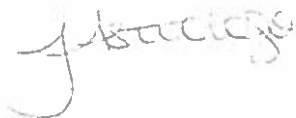
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Kingsville requests that the Province of Ontario expand their Rent Assistance program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all "residential-above-commercial" properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio;

And Finally, That this Resolution be circulated to the Premier, Doug Ford, the Minister of Finance, Rod Phillips, our local MPP Taras Natyshak, and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
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CC: Taras Natyshak, MPP (tnatyshak-qp@ndp.on.ca)

CC: All Ontario Municipalities