



November 20, 2020

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

Re: Opposition to Further Amalgamation

Dear Premier Ford,

At its regular council meeting of November 2, 2020, Council of the Town of Essex discussed the topics of restructuring, its ongoing service delivery review and related discussion concerning the feasibility of sharing some services with other local municipalities.

As a result of the discussion that ensued, the following resolution was passed,

R20-11-417

Moved By Councillor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Garon

That the Town of Essex is strongly opposed to any further amalgamation at this time;

Whereas we feel our residents are best served now by the current model in terms of dollars and services; and

Whereas we appreciate the Municipal Modernization Grant and are working hard to ensure our municipal operations are more efficient internally and looking for possible efficiencies externally; and

Whereas we are opposed to further restructuring at this time, but we are not opposed to sharing some services where our service quality, safety and price to our residents is not compromised; and

That a letter be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and that a copy of the letter be sent to the County of Essex, all Essex County municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) advising them of the Town of Essex's position with regards to any further amalgamation at this time.

Carried



Having already experienced an amalgamation in the not so distant past, the Town of Essex is instead focused on finding efficiencies and shared services where feasible for the Town and its residents and for the other regional municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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