



December 16, 2020

TO: Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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AND TO: Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott;
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The Windsor Essex County Health Unit
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The Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Attention: Dr. Wajid Ahmed
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Re: Letter of Support for Small Businesses

Dear Premier Ford,

At its Special Council Meeting of December 14, 2020, Council of the Town of Essex discussed the serious and dire challenges facing our small businesses in Town due to the Covid-19 restrictions currently imposed in our area.

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

Moved By Councillor Bondy
Seconded By Councilor Garon

Whereas the health and safety of Ontarians is the number one priority and health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease.

And whereas many businesses rely on the holiday season for their financial strength and whereby these businesses have faced unprecedented difficult times throughout 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic restrictions.



And whereas closing our small local businesses during the holiday season means many will not survive and business owners and their employees will lose their livelihoods.

And whereas Town of Essex commercial businesses are predominately made up of small independently owned businesses and closing them will force residents to travel out of town into larger crowds increasing their exposure to Covid-19.

And whereas our small independent businesses have every reason and ability to keep customers safe and are able to ensure limited capacity, customer contact tracing and disinfecting in-between customers and may be able to offer curb-side and delivery.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town of Essex calls upon the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario cabinet and Health officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and our small businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales with limited capacity (such capacity as being appropriate to the size/capacity of the business) and increased safety measures as appropriate.

And that this resolution be forwarded to:

All local municipalities;
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Hon. Victor Fedeli;
Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction Hon Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria;
Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott
Minister of Finance Hon. Rod Phillips;
Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael A. Tibollo
MPP Taras Natyshak

Carried

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Auger", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure

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