



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Council Correspondence

November 19, 2021

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November 10, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister
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The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th
re: Homelessness Task Force**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the County of Huron has established a “Huron County Homelessness Task Force” to address the rapidly increasing issue of homelessness in the County.

THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

November 10, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford,
premier@ontario.ca

**Support Resolution from the Council of Kitchener passed October 18th
re: Renovictions**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS safe and adequate housing is recognized as a fundamental human right by the Federal Government, whose effect as a major social determinant of health and wellbeing goes well beyond a basic requirement for shelter; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener’s housing situation has dramatically shifted since 2016, a Housing Needs Assessment demonstrating the average price for a house increased by 104% between 2009 to 2019, with the greatest increase since 2016, and rents increased by an average of 41%; and,

WHEREAS the City is experiencing a gap in the provision of housing, in particular the need for 450 units of supportive housing, over 5,000 units of community housing and 9,300 units of affordable rental housing to address the gaps in the existing supply; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has adopted “Housing for All – The City of Kitchener’s Housing Strategy” demonstrating a commitment to realizing the right to housing locally and addressing the housing crisis within the municipality; and,

WHEREAS landlords and investors are adding to the strain on the housing supply through the unscrupulous act of “Renovictions” by claiming they are completing major renovations and evicting and displacing existing tenants, and subsequently raising rents which affects those generally identified as lower income earners and their ability to find safe, adequate and affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS citizens and communities are hurt by these practices which can and does directly impact the housing and homelessness crisis, as well as inflict damage and trauma (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener lobby the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions”;

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urge all levels of government to collaborate in data sharing and collection related to renovations, specifically the impacts of renovations on tenancy;

THAT IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Local MP & MPP
Ontario Municipalities

November 10, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford,
premier@ontario.ca

**Support Resolution from the Council of Kitchener passed October 18th
re: Vaccine Passport Program**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS lockdown and physical distancing measures have caused significant hardship to businesses, particularly those dependent on in-person delivery or experience (ex: retail, restaurant, hospitality, personal service, etc.); and,

WHEREAS vaccinations have proven to be an effective means of keeping Ontarians safe and can enable businesses to safely remain open without compromising the health of their customers and employees; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo are the primary authorities governing public health in the city of Kitchener;

WHEREAS the Economic Development Advisory Committee expressed concerns about financial supports for businesses and the City's ability to support, maintain and grow the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener thank the Province of Ontario for developing the vaccine passport program, but urge the Province to provide financial supports for businesses to cover capital and human resource costs necessary to execute the program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and, all other Ontario municipalities.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

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November 15, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding liquor licence sales and patio extensions:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), an agency of the Province of Ontario, regulates licensed establishments; and,

WHEREAS the requirements for temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extensions have been relaxed throughout the pandemic, including downloading of certain approvals to the municipality, and proved beneficial to business operators; and,

WHEREAS the Downtown Kitchener BIA has invested \$600,000 into new downtown restaurant patios and the Belmont Village BIA invested in creating a new pedestrian-only patio experience; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has provided \$100,000 in business recovery grants to support Kitchener restaurants in adapting their patios to respond to the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has developed a seamless system for approving patio expansion during the pandemic, supporting more than 60 restaurant owners across the city; and,

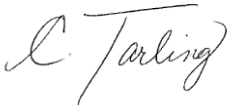
WHEREAS the City of Kitchener would like to provide further opportunities for helping strengthen our economy, continue to support local businesses, and have successfully managed the new licensed-area extension approvals delegated to the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener strongly encourages the Province of Ontario to continue the relaxed regulations in perpetuity, including, but not limited to, the following: i) permitting extensions of licensed areas without requiring AGCO approval, subject to municipal authorization; and, ii) flexibility on the requirements for demarcation of the limits of a patio, such as not requiring a prescribed physical barrier;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should the AGCO propose to complete a comprehensive review of the temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extension regulations, The City of Kitchener wishes to volunteer to participate in any pilot programs that would allow the current regulations that are in effect until 3:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022 to be maintained, as the City would like to continue to show support to our local businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Joanne Vanderheyden, President, Federation of Canadian
Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities



RESOLUTION NO. 21-247

Moved by: Marc Dupuis
Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the government of Ontario recently announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years, and;

WHEREAS this means that property values will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date until at least 2024, and;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is aware of the important increase in property values throughout the province and within its own jurisdiction and;

WHEREAS the continued postponement of property valuation translates into a significant loss of taxation revenue for Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté urges the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, to MPAC, to AMO, to all Ontario municipalities and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoïn.

- CARRIED -

I, Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, do hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution 21-247, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté at its meeting held the 8th day of November 2021.

DATED at Mattice, Ontario
This 10th day of November 2021

Guylaine Coulombe



Premier Doug Ford
MPAC
AMO
(Sent via email)

November 18th 2021

Re: Concerns with the Continued Postponement of Property Assessments

Please be advised that on November 17th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Municipality of Mattice-Val Coté's resolution (attached) regarding the government of Ontario's decision to postpone the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years.

Motion 17

Moved by Netty McEwen

Seconded by Muriel Wright

That Council supports item x of correspondence from the Municipality of Mattice – Val Coté regarding concerns with the continued postponement of the property assessment update, and directs staff to prepare a letter of support.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Kwarciak".

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)

Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia – Lambton

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- CARRIED -

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DATED at Mattice, Ontario
This 10th day of November 2021

Guylaine Coulombe



Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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November 15, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Re: COVID-19 Testing Requirement at Land Border

At the November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, Town of LaSalle Council gave consideration to correspondence received from a resident, dated November 2, 2021, regarding the COVID-19 testing requirement for travelers crossing the land border into Canada.

The following points were considered:

- The vast majority of the population of Essex County, including the Town of LaSalle, is fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
- Essex County, including the Town of LaSalle, has strong economic and social ties to Metropolitan Detroit and southeast Michigan;
- The United States has opened their land border to fully vaccinated Canadians without COVID-19 testing requirements; and
- The City of Windsor has asked the federal government to remove COVID-19 testing as a requirement for fully vaccinated travelers crossing the land border into Canada.

At the Meeting, the following Resolution was passed:

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Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle requests that the Federal Government remove the requirement for Canadian Travelers to be tested for COVID-19 when using a land border crossing into the United States and then returning to Canada after the November 8, 2021 re-opening.



Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Truly,



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cc. The Honourable Doug Ford
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex
Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
Gary McNamara, Warden, County of Essex
All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities

