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CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020**

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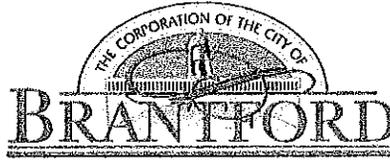
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None.

**C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL**

None.



May 28, 2020

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**Re: Essential Workers Day – March 17**

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held May 26, 2020 adopted the following:

**10.1 Essential Workers Day – Councillor Wall**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community; and

WHEREAS essential workers across the country are risking their lives; and

WHEREAS some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service; and

WHEREAS without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function; and

WHEREAS our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. THAT March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brantford to be Essential Workers Day in the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Will Bouma and MP Phil McColeman to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. THAT all municipalities across Ontario and Canada BE INVITED to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, LUMCO, FCM, and ROMA for that purpose.



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cc All Ontario municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)  
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Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)



# COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## **Support for Digital Main Street and Beyond Program**

At the April 14, 2020 Joint Council and Committee of the Whole meeting, the County's Economic Development Committee was directed to report back to County Council on ways in which the County can assist local businesses to remain sustainable during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. One initiative staff have identified is providing funding to the Small Business Enterprise Centres in Simcoe County to expand the Digital Main Street Program. This funding will support businesses in achieving digital transformation by helping them grow and manage their business through the adoption of digital tools and technology.

This week, Council approved \$60,000 in funding to cover portions of the costs for a Digital Service Squad to provide one-on-one training to small and medium-sized businesses contributing corporate taxes and based within Simcoe County. To qualify, businesses must employ between 1 and 99 employees, be registered and/or incorporated in Ontario, and be owned by a Canadian citizen or permanent resident at least 18 years of age. To sign up for Digital Service Squad assistance contact the Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia Small Business Enterprise Centre at 705-720-2445 or [smallbusiness@barrie.ca](mailto:smallbusiness@barrie.ca), or the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre at 705-446-3355 or [digitalmainst@collingwood.ca](mailto:digitalmainst@collingwood.ca).

## **2020 Business Capping Optional Tools**

Upper tier municipalities are responsible for making tax policy decisions on an annual basis. These policy decisions include County wide tax ratios that govern all local municipal tax rates and upper tier tax rates.

The business tax capping program was originally introduced as a transition measure for the 1998 taxation year and results in some taxpayers receiving capping protection or credits, while other taxpayers pay an additional claw-back amount to fund the cost of any protection being provided. The County of Simcoe has been setting its mix of capping tools so that the greatest progress is made towards exiting the program and minimizing the costs of protection.

This week, Council approved opting out of capping for the industrial class as of 2020 and using a mix of optional tools outlined in the 2020 Pro Forma capping table for the commercial class. The County will be eligible for full opt-out of capping for the commercial class in 2021.

## **County of Simcoe Support for a Minister's Zoning Order to Permit a Mixed-Use Development in Oro-Medonte**

On April 22, 2020, the McLean family submitted a letter to Warden Cornell and Members of County Council, requesting the County's support for their intention to pursue a MZO through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in order to facilitate a mixed-use development at 121 Penetanguishene Road in the Township of Oro-Medonte. The lands subject to the proposal include four parcels totalling approximately 54 hectares (133 acres) in area.

This week, Council voted in favour of supporting in principle the McLean family's request for a Minister's Zoning Order to permit a mixed-use development, which is proposed to consist of, among other things, a multi-unit apartment building, senior-focused detached dwellings, and a long-term care home.

## Solid Waste Management Collections Update

In February 2020, the County of Simcoe implemented a new collections schedule for curbside pick-ups. Comparing the data since the start of bi-weekly collection (weekly green bin collection and garbage and recycling on alternating weeks), February to April 2020, to the same period last year, the quantity of garbage collected curbside has decreased per household by 18%, the quantity of organics collected curbside has increased by 36%, and the quantity of recycling has remained relatively the same. These results are interpreted by staff to be due to the change in collection frequency that started in February and COVID-19 impacts of residents staying home. Garbage tag sales, which also indicate whether current limits are being exceeded, are down to 1.1 tags per household for January to April 2020 over the same period in 2019.

This week, Council received the Collections Update, which concluded that the decrease in the amount of garbage collected curbside since the implementation of bi-weekly collection confirms that, in response to questions at the April 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, the existing two bag limit is sufficient to service the majority of residents in the County of Simcoe.

## Timber Sales Results - Spring 2020

The County of Simcoe has long recognized that forests and their many benefits and resources are essential to the long-term well-being of our environment, communities and economy. The sustainable management of our forests is therefore critical, not only to balance competing uses in the short term, but to ensure that the many benefits of our forests are available for generations to come. Good long-term planning is key to ensuring continued growth and success, which is anchored by the Simcoe County Forest 20-year Forest Management Plan.

This week, Council received a report on spring timber sales totalling almost \$450,000. Revenues result in a net operating balance surplus which is applied to the Forestry Reserve to be reinvested into forestry operations and the acquisition of additional forest lands.

## Social Services Relief Fund & Reaching Home – Update

The County has worked closely with the homelessness services sector and continues to be in discussion with a range of stakeholders including front line workers, service providers, and the public, to address the emerging needs across the County with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the federal and provincial governments have provided the County with additional funding under Reaching Home-Covid (RH-C) and the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) respectively. To protect our most vulnerable residents, the County has implemented activities in the areas of homelessness sheltering and prevention, food security, and housing stabilization, including short-term planning for the most expeditious solutions to prevent the spread of the virus, and longer-term planning for stability.

This week, Council received a report outlining the steps taken to ensure the needs of the most vulnerable populations are supported during the initial stages of the pandemic as well as medium-term plans to maintain safety of the vulnerable population.

**NEXT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - JUNE 9, 2020**

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Krista Pascoe

To: Andrea Roylance  
Subject: RE: Matthews House Hospice - Events 2020

From: Andrea Roylance [mailto:aroylance@matthewshousehospice.ca]  
Sent: May 27, 2020 3:59 PM  
To: Krista Pascoe <kpascoe@essatownship.on.ca>  
Cc: Brenda Pufek <bpufek@matthewshousehospice.ca>  
Subject: Matthews House Hospice - Events 2020

Hi Krista:

Sincerely hoping you and your family are well. Wanted to let you know that we have decided to cancel the Polo for Hospice event for 2020 and plan on a spectacular event in August 2021.

With Gratitude,

*Andrea Roylance*

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**Krista Pascoe**

**To:** Lisa Lehr  
**Subject:** RE: NVCA Media Release - Camp Tiffin will not operate this summer

**From:** Maria Leung <mleung@nvca.on.ca>  
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**Subject:** NVCA Media Release - Camp Tiffin will not operate this summer

## MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UTOPIA, ON (June 2, 2020) – After careful consideration of the risks involved, and the safety measures that would need to be in place to run programs safely, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has decided to cancel this summer’s Camp Tiffin.

Camp Tiffin is a nature-based camp where campers spend most of their time outside. It has become a staple and favourite for many kids in the area. While the Province of Ontario has announced that day camps may be able to proceed in July and August, NVCA’s current resources do not allow for the proper sanitation and physical distancing requirements.

“The priority for the NVCA during COVID-19 is to do our part for the health and safety of our community,” said Naomi Saunders, Manager of Environmental Education at the NVCA. “We understand that this is a disappointment for many families. Camp Tiffin offers so many opportunities for adequate social distancing and minimal multiple touching of shared resources, but it’s the time spent eating and using the washrooms that would be the most challenging.”

If the Government of Ontario relaxes physical distancing and sanitation requirements, the NVCA may consider holding modified environmental education programs. However, these programs will only happen if there is interest from families and if they can be held safely.

“For now, families who would like to learn more about nature in their own backyards can sign up for Beyond Tiffin Education, NVCA’s new online nature exploration program,” continued Saunders. “For \$5 per lesson or \$20 for 5 lessons, families will have access to video lessons, activities, and access to Google Classrooms where they can share adventures, pictures and ask questions.”

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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**COVID-19 – We must do more! It’s as easy as 1 to 5...**

1. Stay at home

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2. Frequent Hand-washing
3. Essential trips only
4. Physical distance 2 metres apart
5. Support the Vulnerable

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Lisa Lehr

**From:** Jim Wilson, MPP <jwilson@ola.org>  
**Sent:** June 8, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr  
**Subject:** Economic Recovery Consultation Held with Simcoe-Grey Business Sector

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# JIM WILSON, MPP

## NEWS RELEASE



### Ontario gathers ideas on how best to restart the economy

June 8, 2020 – Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson and federal MP Terry Dowdall today held a virtual consultation with leaders from the business sector to learn how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted local businesses and services and to gather ideas as Ontario prepares to restart the economy. Restrictions will not be lifted until the Chief Medical Officer of Health is confident the outbreak is in decline.

Ideas from the consultation will be reported to the Ontario government's Jobs and Recovery Committee which will consider the feedback to identify how best to protect and support people and jobs, restart the economy and move towards recovery across Ontario.

"It is important to hear directly from tourism stakeholders, particularly in Simcoe-Grey where the sector is a critical part of our regional economy," said Mr. Wilson. "By working together with our partners we can support a prudent, people-focused plan that puts our community on the road to recovery."

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been happy to work closely with MPP Wilson and his team," said MP Dowdall. "Simcoe-Grey constituents can be assured that we are doing everything we can to get them the support they need."

"The government's number one priority remains the health and well-being of the people of Ontario, even as we restart the economy and drive subsequent recovery," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance and Chair of the Jobs and Recovery Committee. "We will need to work collectively to assess the overall impact of the pandemic and the best way to ramp up local businesses and services and rebuild for the benefit of individuals, families and workers."

These consultations reflect a team approach, working across parties and with experts, local leaders and citizens. If you have ideas to contribute and would like to participate, I invite you to do so by emailing [jwilson@ola.org](mailto:jwilson@ola.org).

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Jim Wilson, MPP | Simcoe-Grey



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## **OBIAA partners on Digital Main Street Ontario expansion with investments from the Federal and Provincial Governments**

TORONTO, June 11, 2020 — Thanks to renewed investment in the Ontario Digital Main Street (DMS) program, even more of the province's main street small businesses will be able to take full advantage of digital technologies and e-commerce platforms to increase their revenues and create jobs. The Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA), in partnership with the Toronto Association of BIAs (TABIA), today announced that additional funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT) will allow them to expand the successful DMS program to more businesses in the province.

OBIAA is once again uniquely placed to work with TABIA, the Province of Ontario and now FedDev Ontario to deliver the DMS program across the province, leveraging its network of more than 315 Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) to support communities and their main street businesses right across the province. With a \$42.5 million investment from FedDev Ontario and \$7.45 million from the Government of Ontario, this expansion of Digital Main Street will support more than 21,900 main street business across Ontario to become more resilient and competitive as the economy recovers. Other organizations involved in the partnership include Communitech, Invest Ottawa and the Toronto Board of Trade. OBIAA will be directly responsible for deploying \$15.8 million to assist traditional main street small businesses.

*"As local economies across Ontario reopen, we're focused on ensuring that our main streets don't just survive, but thrive,"* said the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and Minister responsible for Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. *"These businesses are the backbone of our economy, a source of local jobs – and local pride. Thanks to the expanded Digital Main Street platform, they'll be able to expand their offerings and take advantage of more and more people shopping online. Our message to Ontario's small businesses, and those whose livelihoods rely on them, is clear: we're working with you to support good jobs and help our economy come back stronger than ever."*

Main street small businesses manage their operations with limited time, funds, and knowledge of digital tools and techniques. This challenges their ability to seize the opportunities that the new online business environment presents. Today, digital capabilities are *the* key component businesses need to succeed in an increasingly competitive, global, and volatile environment. The DMS program is a smart, efficient way to help businesses adopt and expand their digital capabilities in ways that are realistic, actionable, and effective.

The DMS program is based on three important components: 1) knowledge transfer through training and assessments; 2) resources including Digital Transformation Grants and 3) support through Digital Service Squads. Fundamental to the program's design is the Digital Service Squad. BIAs, municipalities, and Chambers will be able to apply for grants to hire and train Digital Service Squad (DSS) members. These trained specialists meet with small businesses, at no cost, help them complete an online assessment, and introduce them to online training modules to build their knowledge and skills. They can also assist with the development of their Digital Transformation Plan (DTP) and then help them apply for a one-time \$2,500 grant to implement it. This one-on-one

DSS assistance includes support for basic website set-up, Google My Business profiles, 360° photos, digital storefront set-up with e-commerce, creation, or enhancement of social media presence, and much more.

Businesses receiving DMS grants can apply the funds in a variety of ways, including optimizing websites for search, setting up e-commerce platforms, back-office solutions, social media advertising, and creating customer databases. As we have learned in recent weeks, businesses best able to survive the COVID-19 shutdown were those that had made investments in e-commerce capabilities, remote-working technologies, and customer relationship tools. By improving their ability to work online, as well as to reach and sell to customers online, businesses were able to continue earning revenue, keep customer relationships intact, and maintain ties with suppliers.

*"Ontario's small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and their recovery is critical to Ontario's recovery,"* said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. *"As thousands of small businesses across the province closed their doors and halted business during the COVID-19 outbreak, many struggled to shift sales or services online. I am very pleased that, together with Minister Joly and our federal partners, we are providing small businesses with the tools they need to recover and flourish as Ontario reopens."*

The first phase of the Ontario-wide DMS expansion, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, that began in October of 2018 demonstrated the effectiveness of the DMS design and OBIAA's ability to deploy. Through the 18-month expansion, Digital Main Street Ontario reached over 15,000 businesses in 341 communities and provided \$2,500 grants to more than 2,100 small businesses for a total of \$5.4 million and \$10,000 Digital Service Squad grants to more than 100 Ontario communities for a total of \$2.66 million.

*"OBIAA commends FedDev Ontario for this sound investment in our main streets. We look forward to expanding the already successful Digital Main Street program, as created and managed by TABIA. Our main street small businesses have been severely impacted over the past many weeks. Together we will begin the task of recovery with direct support to main street small businesses through Digital Service Squads and Digital Transformation Grants,"* said Kay Matthews, Executive Director OBIAA.

This additional investment by the federal and provincial governments to support main street small businesses will be vital as Ontario begins the work of economic recovery. By helping to promote economic growth and creating jobs, DMS will contribute to the critical work of helping our local communities thrive.

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### **ABOUT the Ontario BIA Association**

OBIAA is the network that represents unique and vibrant BIAs across Ontario. The Association supports and advocates on behalf of its members through the building and nurturing of strong relationships and partnerships. OBIAA is a leader in the development and sharing of information, tools, resources, and best practices, and is the ONE voice on common issues. [obiaa.com](http://obiaa.com)

### **ABOUT Digital Main Street**

Digital Main Street is an innovative program designed to help main street small businesses achieve digital transformation. The program is built around an online learning platform, structured training programs, grants and Digital Service Squads teams of street-level experts that help main street small businesses manage and grow their operations through technology adoption. The program was originally created by the Toronto

Association of BIAs (TABIA) and a group of strategic partners including Google, MasterCard, Microsoft, and Shopify. For more information, please visit [digitalmainstreet.ca](http://digitalmainstreet.ca).

**ABOUT Ontario Digital Main Street**

The Ontario expansion of Digital Main Street was first funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs through the \$38 million Main Street Revitalization Initiative. The second round is a pan-Ontario collaboration funded through FedDev Ontario and MEDJCT and delivered by the Ontario BIA Association. This new round of funding is part of a \$57.6 million Regional Relief and Recovery Fund, a combined Federal/Provincial project to strengthen Ontario's economic capacity for innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration, and to promote the development of a strong and diversified Ontario economy. For more information, please visit [digitalmainstreet.ca/ontario](http://digitalmainstreet.ca/ontario).

For more information about OBIAA's vital contribution to the main streets of Ontario, can be found at <https://obiaa.com/projects/digital-main-street-phase-2/>

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The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge

June 12, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark,  
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Dear Minister Clark,

**RE: Town of Bracebridge Resolution regarding the establishment of a Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic**

At its meeting of June 4, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 20-TC-089, regarding the Town of Bracebridge support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recommendations contained in their report titled "Protecting Vital Municipal Services", as follows:

"WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) issued a report titled "Protecting Vital Municipal Services" on April 23, 2020 which included recommendations to the federal government to provide financial assistance for municipalities across the country;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) recognizes that a collaborative federal-provincial effort is required to provide much needed financial assistance to municipalities and their May 14, 2020 letter (attached) to the Prime Minister and the Premier urges Canada and Ontario to extend their successful collaboration through financial support for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the FCM recommendation and requests that both the Federal and Provincial Governments establish a municipal financial assistance program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in lobbying the Provincial Government for financial assistance to support Municipalities in offsetting the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Member of Parliament (MP) and local Member of the Ontario Legislature (MPP), FCM, AMO and its member municipalities, and the Muskoka municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the associated memorandum for you reference.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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The Honourable Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities Ontario and member municipalities  
Muskoka Municipalities



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June 11, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council unanimously supported a request from Councillor Clare Latimer to submit a letter to the Premier, Minister of Health, and Minister of Long-Term Care (LTC) regarding current and long-standing issues being faced by the LTC sector and to support the government's Commission on Long-Term Care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the human resources crisis that LTC has faced for a number of years. It has also brought homes and the residents who place trust in the system they will be well cared for into the limelight, when all along the number one priority of all levels of government and oversight should be the health, safety, and well-being of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The LTC and Retirement Home (RH) sectors are chronically understaffed; losing the extra hands of visitors and volunteers during the pandemic, while necessary, has created an additional burden. Homes in Ontario are experiencing increasing difficulty recruiting and retaining Personal Support Workers (PSW), Registered Practical Nurses (RPN) and Registered Nurses (RN), creating long delays in the ability to fill vacant positions. Before the pandemic, many homes were indicating they no longer have a 'pool' of PSWs ready and available to fill vacant shifts. Homes are seeing more PSWs experiencing stress-related illnesses, mental and physical exhaustion, and an increase in work-related injuries. In addition to an already limited available workforce, hospitals are now hiring PSWs to fill support roles, and many RNs or RPNs accept positions in LTC only to resign when an acute care or community health position becomes available. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have certainly added to the staffing crisis. The provision of pandemic pay to front-line staff has helped, and while it would be a welcomed addition to the funding envelope moving forward, wage increases alone will not solve the chronic lack of people choosing long-term care as a career.

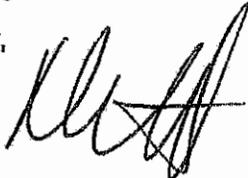
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Staffing ratios have been discussed for several years and there has been lobbying from many avenues to increase the number of direct nursing care hours for residents up to four hours of care per day in order to safely meet the complex needs of the current long-term care population. Without an influx of provincial dollars, coupled with a provincial LTC human resources strategy, homes will not be able to increase direct patient care hours; there simply are not enough human resources to go around. This is difficult for staff in long-term care and retirement homes. They are a determined, passionate bunch who want nothing more than to provide quality care to their residents who call their facilities home.

As a Municipal Council, we have watched the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on LTC and RHs across our province. Our municipality has not had any COVID-19 outbreaks in homes in Chatham-Kent; however, we are certainly aware of the ongoing risk and continue to do everything we can to ensure our residents and staff are safe and they have the tools and resources to manage during such a difficult time. As a Council, we support the government's LTC Commission and ask that it remain non-partisan, and be independent of owners and operators including ourselves as the owner and operator of Chatham-Kent's largest LTC home. While we are supportive of the Commission, we are asking for an impartial review of current best practices in both private and publicly operated homes. We are also requesting that the Commission be tasked with recommending best practice standards of care, and accountability protocols regarding documentation, peer reviews, and resident/family reviews.

We appreciate the work involved in any type of large-scale review with the hope the Commission is able to review the current impact of the pandemic and merge these findings with what the sector has known and has been advocating for over the last several years including staffing, governance models, physical structures of homes, and LTC regulations. A comprehensive look at past, current, and future insights will move the sector towards action and real change.

Sincerely,



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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council received a letter from eleven organizations serving Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in Ontario. The letter spoke to the importance of psychosocial and emotional well-being of all Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) residents. Council agreed there was significant evidence presented within the letter to warrant supporting the call to action and to encourage the government to review and act on the recommendations provided.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a variety of challenges to the LTC and RH sectors, as well as the congregate care sector. Many of these challenges involve protecting the physical health of this extremely vulnerable population. Increased infection control requirements, eliminating non-essential visitors, active screening protocols, and restrictions on the movement of LTC and RH staff working between different homes, are a few examples of the measures taken and backed financially by the provincial government. In Chatham-Kent, early and rigorous adoption of these measures has kept COVID-19 out of our LTC and RH facilities. While this is a commendable achievement, it is important to examine the social costs to residents of such an undertaking.

People living in LTC and RHs depend completely on interactions with staff, visitors, volunteers, and other residents to fulfill their social and emotional needs. Losing any one of these groups impacts residents in ways that are difficult to measure quantitatively but qualitatively we see it in our residents' eyes each day as we strive to provide the best care possible for them. The exclusion of non-essential visitors has left a tangible hole in the lives of residents. In Chatham-Kent's municipally-run LTC home, Riverview Gardens (RVG), this order saw the exclusion of 500-600 additional visitors, volunteers, and contract support staff per week. They were cherished, familiar faces; their visits much-anticipated by residents and appreciated by staff.

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Visitors and volunteers provide more than just visiting, they help in the daily care of our residents. Conversations with other LTC and RHs throughout Chatham-Kent show the same losses and the same impacts on residents and staff. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have added to the staffing crisis in LTC and RHs. Supporting a strategy for homes to hire additional staff specifically trained to support the psychosocial and emotional needs of residents would alleviate some of the stress on nursing staff and may lead to better outcomes for residents.

Chatham-Kent has always been a community that comes together and rises to the challenges before us. COVID-19 and the impact this has had on our local LTC and RH sectors is no exception. Through our local United Way, volunteers are finalizing an Adopt a Grandparent program similar to pen pals of years past. This program will link teenagers and young adults with one of our LTC and/or RH residents. Young and old, both with different needs, sharing thoughts and ideas and supporting one another through the pandemic. At Riverview Gardens we have created a Resident Support Worker (RSW) position that provides emotional and social support to our residents. RSWs work on the same floor with the same residents each day where they assist residents with feeding, games, crafts, companionship, and outdoor time when the weather cooperates. RSWs also help provide such services as assisting with laundry, as well as sorting, folding, and organizing a resident's personal items. Currently, redeployed municipal staff are fulfilling these roles at RVG but as Ontario moves further with reopening, these staff will be needed back at their home base location and residents in our home will once again be faced with spending much of their day alone. The homes in Chatham-Kent are providing great care to our residents but they can only do so much. This is why the recommendations from the Long-Term Care and Retirement Home sectors are so important.

Chatham-Kent Municipal Council believes people need human interaction. It is what makes the difference between simply being alive, and living. It is time to act, and protect the psychosocial and emotional health of our LTC and RH residents. We support whole-heartedly, the recommendations presented to you from our LTC and RH partners (attached).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Letter from Alzheimer Society et al RE: Psychosocial and Emotional Well-being of LTC Residents

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott and Minister Fullerton,

On behalf of almost 80,000 residents, their families and staff in Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes, we are writing this letter to urgently request that the provincial government take immediate action to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. COVID-19 has changed every aspect of the lived experience in LTC. Despite fervent efforts and commitment from LTC team members to protect residents from the negative physical outcomes of COVID-19, the psychosocial and emotional impacts remain ignored and under-resourced.

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According to a recently released study by Mental Health Research Canada, the number of Canadians expressing high-to-extreme levels of anxiety has quadrupled since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. "Mental Health in Crisis: How COVID-19 is Impacting Canadians." *Mental Health Research Canada*, [www.mhrc.ca/our-research/](http://www.mhrc.ca/our-research/). If that is the reality of people living in the general population, what is happening to the mental health of LTC residents, many of whom are already living with compromised cognitive ability and living in isolation? 'There is no health without mental health' - Minister Elliott.

Thousands of residents are living cohorted and/or isolated lives away from their personal belongings and away from the important people in their lives. Many residents are eating alone, experiencing virtually no human connection aside from 2-3 brief encounters with LTC team members for personal care/meal delivery each day and 1-2 virtual visits with a family member each week, if such a program exists in their home. Team member shortages further exacerbate the sense of isolation, we have heard from residents that there is little to no program or activity to nurture social engagement opportunities during these times.

Pre-COVID-19, the realities of pervasive isolation, depression and loneliness are coined as the 'three plagues' of life in LTC (Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of The Eden Alternative). While person-centered practices combat these plagues, the current reality of LTC living will lead to residents left with broken spirits and the corresponding negative outcomes associated with their psychosocial, emotional health.

People need people. We are writing this letter now to ask that immediate attention and allocated resources be applied to LTC homes to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. The government of Alberta, in recognizing the importance of 'quality of life' for residents, has released substantive directives that clearly define essential visitors as those who contribute to the quality of life of residents in addition to provision of needed physical care. I urge you to follow suit, so that residents can experience the psychosocial and emotional support that has been missing for 7 weeks thus far.

Imagine the new reality when a group of team members (comprised of 'essential visitors' and/or dedicated staff) is incorporated into **every LTC home** to exclusively provide avenues/programs/opportunities for psychosocial and emotional support. Residents will experience **multiple** weekly virtual visits using iPads, tablets or cell phones with friends and family members, and even amongst themselves, providing peer to peer support. Residents will enjoy safe outdoor visits during the warm weather now upon us. Imagine residents being supported in a virtual resident activity, meal or conversation between other residents. Residents will feel engaged and connected to each other once again, to their families, to their environment and to their community. They will be well protected from the negative outcome of prolonged isolation.

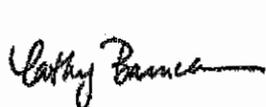
This is what is needed:

- Declare psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents as essential to their quality of life
- Expand the definition of 'essential visitors' to include people who contribute to the quality of life including psychosocial and emotional health
- Resources for homes to hire and train additional team members/staff whose primary role is to support psychosocial and emotional health via facilitating virtual and safe physical visiting
- Resources for homes to purchase technology and infrastructure required to support virtual visits amongst residents and families
- Creation of a safe plan for residents to enjoy social engagement outdoors in the coming weeks (physical distancing, wearing of masks, etc.), complete with human resources and supplies to make this a reality

We must act now. COVID-19 requires physical distancing, but in order to uphold resident's quality of life and wellbeing we must enable and support social connection.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, as we work together to provide the best care for LTC residents who are the most vulnerable group of Ontarians during this COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,



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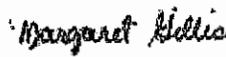
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Good afternoon,

Orangeville Council at its June 8, 2020 meeting passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS The Town of Orangeville recognizes there have been questions in the public related to both diversity training and use of force training and protocols for Police Services, including in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Town recognizes that police officers join this profession out of a desire to do good, to serve and to protect the communities they serve;

AND WHEREAS an understanding of community diversity can foster authentic inclusion;

AND WHEREAS empathy training, and de-escalation training, can support understanding other people's perspectives;

AND WHEREAS the Town recognizes that policing can be a dangerous profession, and officer as well as community safety are critical considerations in law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have indicated they have a comprehensive diversity training program, however there may not be the same resources available across the entire province for smaller Police Services;

AND WHEREAS there is concern in the public about the boundaries of use of force, such as neck restraints, and oversight;

AND WHEREAS there isn't clarity on a common bar on diversity and empathy training or on use of force and oversight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General to encourage common training requirements for all members of Police Services in Ontario as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force;

AND THAT the Solicitor General provide clarity on police oversight going forward given the anticipated changes to legislation to ensure effective accountability continues;

AND THAT annual updates or refresher courses be mandatory to ensure our Police Services have the best and current information available to them;

AND THAT THE TOWN request that the use of force protocols be reviewed to ensure they are safe and would meet current standards, and then shared across the province;

AND THAT THE TOWN circulate this resolution to all Ontario municipalities seeking their support."

Regards,

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## **Registrar's Directive: 10 is still the max at funerals, visitations and burials**

June 9, 2020

All COVID-19 restrictions and BAO Registrar's Directives remain in place, until further notice.

**The maximum number of visitors at a funeral service, visitation and burial remains at 10, regardless of the location.**

This Registrar's Directive clarifies for the bereavement sector and the public that **10 is the maximum number of visitors allowed at a funeral/visitation/burial regardless of location**, inside or outside, including an event centre, private club, park, cemetery, church, mosque, synagogue and any religious locations.

If a funeral is conducted in a place of worship, the maximum number of people

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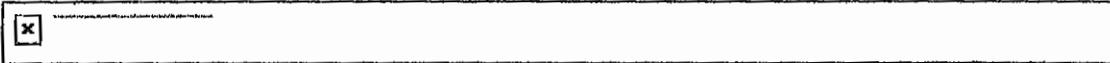
allowed is 10, notwithstanding the "30% capacity rule" otherwise for places of worship. We have confirmed that the Registrar's Directive is consistent with the Premier's Office announcement of June 8.

The maximum number of 10 includes family, visitors, clergy/officiant and anyone **other than funeral staff**.

This Directive is issued to ensure everyone knows that the 10-max Directive is still in place as Ontario enters its reopening phases. This Directive remains in place until further notice.

Thank you.

**-Carey Smith, CEO/Registrar**



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## **Registrar's Directive: Drive-Thru Visitations**

**Effective today, June 10, 2020**

The creativity of licensees is something the bereavement sector can be proud of during this pandemic period. In the last few weeks, the option of drive-thru visitations, with the approval of the police and regional medical officers of health, have been carried out by several funeral homes across Ontario, as those communities find ways to address the needs of grieving families while following all COVID-19 restrictions.

This Registrar's Directive supports this creativity with a set of safety-focused and respectful rules that must be followed **if you choose** to offer drive-thru visitations at your funeral home.

**All other COVID-19 government restrictions, Registrar's Directives,**

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**Notices to the Profession and Guidance must continue to be followed.**

**Directive Measures – Effective June 10, 2020**

For a drive-thru service, mourners may drive to a funeral home's outside designated area to pay their respects to the deceased and the family.

**If needed, funeral homes may add a secure tent or canopy on funeral home property to accommodate a drive-thru area.**

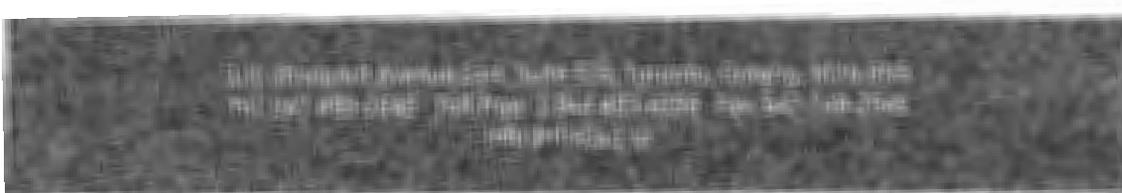
**Drive-thru visitations require a safe –**

- **Appropriately laid-out funeral establishment property** on which to host these visitations. The property must be large enough to accommodate a line of vehicles. The line must not extend onto public streets, sidewalks or other people's property.
- **Marked, designated lane or path** on the funeral home property for automobiles to line-up and drive in toward the designated viewing area, such as a window, entranceway or tent/canopy area.
- **Designated viewing area** where the decedent's family can gather, in a group of fewer than 10 (observing physical distancing of two metres), to acknowledge those in their vehicles.
- **A funeral home traffic coordinator**, if the line of vehicles exceeds the capacity of the funeral home's parking property, in order to ensure people do not exit their vehicles and come in contact with other passengers and drivers, and to maintain general safety.

**Prohibited are –**

- **Standing outside of vehicles.** Mourners must stay inside their vehicles.
- **Mixing of vehicles and people**, standing outside, in a line-up.

-Carey Smith, CEO/Registrar



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**AMO COVID-19 Update – Federal Gas Tax Funding Accelerated, Pandemic Pay, ESA Changes, Additional Re-openings**

**Federal Gas Tax Funding Accelerated for 2020**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced today that the federal government would accelerate the payment of the 2020 federal Gas Tax Fund allocation to help municipalities pay for infrastructure projects and take advantage of the summer construction season. The Prime Minister called the accelerated federal Gas Tax Fund in 2020 “a first step” in supporting towns and cities. The \$2.2 billion (nation-wide) in federal Gas Tax funding will be forwarded in one payment in June rather than in two installments in July and November and can pay for a range of capital projects in 18 different categories. In Ontario, funds go directly to the City of Toronto and to AMO for the 443 municipal governments in the province. AMO administers \$647 million this year in Gas Tax funds on behalf of the Government of Canada.

While accelerated federal Gas Tax Fund allocations is a welcome first step, AMO has supported FCM’s call for \$10 billion in emergency funding from the federal government to help municipalities to continue operating during the emergency. Municipal funding sources have been severely challenged by the response to COVID-19, including delayed property tax payments, diminished or eliminated fares and program services, and increased need for equipment to protect employees continuing to work. AMO continues to call for urgent emergency support so that municipal governments can continue to offer critical services that support health, safety, and economic activity in our communities. The Prime Minister acknowledged that more needs to be done to provide financial assistance to municipalities and the federal government will do more “hand in hand with the provinces”.

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## **Pandemic Pay Updates**

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Health hosted a teleconference that AMO attended to outline the parameters, timing, and process for flowing the pandemic pay to essential workers which, for Health, includes the public health and paramedic service program. We are now able to share the slides used at this teleconference.

As noted previously, the Province will be distributing this temporary top-up pay through existing transfer payment agreements so that employers will pay eligible employees through their existing payroll processes. These funds will be distributed to employers on an allocation basis and will be reconciled at a later date. June 5, 2020 is the target date for the funds to begin being transferred.

Information about these pandemic pay funds for eligible employees of long-term care homes, and housing and shelters is yet to be released. This information will be distributed as soon as it is received. We understand that all of the four programs in the three ministries – public health, paramedic services, long-term care homes, and the housing and shelter sector are looking to distribute the first allocation this week to the home employers to make payments to eligible employees.

The provincial programs will determine eligibility and are expected to provide program specific guidance and webinars as part of their allocation rollouts. The provincial pandemic pay program website continues to be updated.

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Province announced an emergency order eliminating barriers to eligible frontline workers receiving pandemic pay. It will allow employers with unionized workforces to provide pandemic pay to eligible employees without the need to negotiate separate terms or conditions with their bargaining agents.

We continue to ask that the four programs' templates and reporting/reconciliation processes be identical to reduce municipal administrative burden. Although we know that the programs are trying to have an integrated approach across the ministries, we further understand that the four programs' administrative processes may be different as the programs are different.

## **COVID Related Changes to *Employment Standards Act (ESA)***

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the Province released a new regulation under the *Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA)* that is intended to provide temporary relief from the ESA's termination and severance provisions for employers whose operations have been shut down or otherwise curtailed by COVID-19 – O. Reg. 228/20, Infectious Disease Emergency Leave (IDEL Regulation).

It should be noted upfront that these new rules do not apply to unionized staff. Collective agreement provisions and the ESA's usual temporary layoff rules will continue to apply in unionized workplaces.

There are three basic components in this IDEL Regulation:

- changes to infectious disease emergency leave (IDEL)
- certain employees are to be on IDEL (not on layoff – thus stopping the ESA clock)
- deeming certain actions not to be a constructive dismissal.

For more detailed information on this ESA regulation change, please refer to a May 31<sup>st</sup> Hicks Morley update on this subject.

### **Retirement Home Amendments**

The Province has now made amendments to the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* regulation, enabling the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHRA) to better support seniors living in retirement homes during the COVID-19 outbreak. The regulation change increases the emergency payment the RHRA can pay to eligible retirement home residents from \$2,000 to \$3,500.

In the event of an emergency, such as an outbreak, this funding can be used to support residents to cover costs for transportation, alternative accommodation, or temporary care. The regulation change also requires retirement homes to report infectious disease outbreaks to the RHRA during COVID-19 and beyond.

### **More Re-openings Permitted**

The Ontario government is starting to reintroduce camping in Ontario Parks and recreational camping on Crown land, starting today – June 1, 2020. Backcountry camping will be available at Ontario Parks, including access points, paddle and portage routes, and hiking trails. Ontario Parks will also be expanding day-use activities to include picnicking and off-leash pet areas. All these reopened activities require the public to continue to practice required public health measures.

The Province has also amended an emergency order to allow drive-in movie theatres that were in existence before May 29, 2020 to reopen with restrictions and, as well, the reopening of batting cages as of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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## AMO COVID-19 Update – Broadband Funding Announcement, Emergency Extended, and Pandemic Pay Webinar

### Province Launches the Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program

Today the Province announced the launch of the \$150 million provincial broadband and cellular infrastructure program, Improving Connectivity in Ontario or ICON. The program was initially announced in July 2019 as part of the Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan. AMO is pleased to see the Province moving forward, and believes the program is a vital step in addressing the market gaps that have left too many communities behind.

The program provides funding to help improve internet and connectivity services in unserved and underserved Ontario communities. In making today's announcement, Premier Doug Ford noted the critical need for partnerships with municipal governments and the private sector. In particular, the Premier also acknowledged that the importance of the federal government announcing the details of its broadband and connectivity funding. An initial first project intake under ICON is expected this summer. As further details are announced AMO will update members.

### Emergency Declaration Extended

Ontario has extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency to June 30th. This extension is to provide for the continued provincial COVID-19 response while planning for a measured and safe reopening. The extension, under s.7.0.7 of the *Emergency*

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*Management and Civil Protection Act*, was approved by the Ontario legislature yesterday.

This declaration supports the continued enforcement of emergency orders which include: allowing front-line care providers to redeploy staff where they are needed most, enabling public health units to redeploy or hire staff to support case management and contact tracing, and limiting long-term care and retirement home staff to working at one home. The Declaration of Emergency may be further extended with the approval of the Legislature.

### **AMO COVID-19 Webinars Series: Discussing Pandemic Pay**

The provincial government has committed to sending the pandemic pay funding details to employers that receive funding under this temporary program. These details should be available this week and will consider eligible full and part-time front-line staff in public health, paramedic services, long-term care homes, and housing and shelters.

Join AMO and the Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA) on **Friday, June 5, 2020, 12n - 1p EDT** to examine the latest information on the pandemic pay program.

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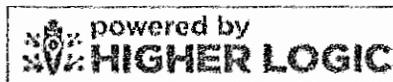
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## COVID-19 Update – Child Care and Patio Extensions

### Child Care Reopening Plan

Today the Province announced a reopening plan for child care to support economic recovery. Up until now, only emergency child care has been available to essential front-line workers in select locations in communities throughout Ontario. This emergency care will end June 26<sup>th</sup> as child care centres are permitted to reopen at reduced capacity (i.e. fewer children). They will be subject to health and safety, and operational protocols and requirements. Mandatory training, reporting, and support will be provided by local Medical Officers of Health.

### Patio Extensions during COVID-19

Yesterday the Province introduced new measures <sup>\*(attached)</sup> to support those who have liquor sales licenses to be able to temporarily extend their patios using public health measures once able to safely reopen for business. This was a measure to help local businesses that AMO and municipal leaders asked for in recent weeks and as of June 12<sup>th</sup> will be available to those regions who are able to reopen safely.

Regulation 719 under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) has been amended to provide flexibility for liquor sales licensees (e.g. licensed bars and restaurants) to temporarily extend their physical premises beyond 14 days provided they have municipal approval and meet the criteria below.

Once permitted to open again and until January 1, 2021 at 3:00 a.m., liquor sales licensees who wish to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed

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patio or to temporarily add a new licensed patio within the approved period, are authorized to do so, if the following criteria are met:

- the physical extension of the premises is adjacent to the premises to which the license to sell liquor applies;
- the municipality in which the premises are situated has indicated it does not object to an extension;
- the licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises;
- there is no condition on the liquor sales license prohibiting a patio; and,
- the capacity of any new patio, or extended patio space where the licensee has an existing licensed patio, does not exceed 1.11 square metres per person.

The Province has also minimized administrative burden for licensees under this amendment as they are not required to apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) or pay a fee to temporarily extend their patio or add a temporary new licensed patio. The AGCO has also worked to reduce administrative burden on this process.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

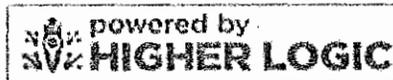
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## Information Bulletin: Liquor sales licensees may extend their patios for the duration of 2020 once permitted to open

June 8, 2020

As part of its broader package of relief measures for Ontarians and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government of Ontario has introduced new measures to support liquor sales licensees in temporarily extending their patios in order to safely reopen for business.

The Government has amended Regulation 719 under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) to provide flexibility for liquor sales licensees (e.g. licensed bars and restaurants) to temporarily extend their physical premises beyond 14 days provided they have municipal approval and meet the criteria below.

Once they are again permitted to welcome patrons on-site and until January 1, 2021 at 3:00 a.m., liquor sales licensees who wish to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed patio or to temporarily add a new licensed patio within the approved period, are authorized to do so, if the following criteria are met:

1. The physical extension of the premises is adjacent to the premises to which the licence to sell liquor applies;
2. The municipality in which the premises is situated has indicated it does not object to an extension;
3. The licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises;
4. There is no condition on the liquor sales licence prohibiting a patio; and,
5. The capacity of any new patio, or extended patio space where the licensee has an existing licensed patio, does not exceed 1.11 square metres per person.

To minimize administrative burden for licensees, those who meet the above criteria are not required to apply to the AGCO or pay a fee to temporarily extend their patio or add a temporary new licensed patio.

Licensees are not required to submit any documentation to the AGCO to demonstrate compliance with the above criteria. However, licensees are required to produce such documentation, if requested by the AGCO.

Licensees that do not meet the above criteria are required to follow the usual application process for a temporary extension of premises and apply through [iAGCO](#). In addition, licensees who wish to maintain the patio extension beyond January 1, 2021, must apply for a permanent modification through [iAGCO](#) and must meet all applicable requirements.

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To provide additional flexibility for licensees, Regulation 719 under the LLA was also amended to remove the requirement that licensed service area boundaries must be defined by at least a 0.9 metre partition. Licensees must continue to ensure that all licensed areas are readily distinguishable from areas to which the licence does not apply. This change will remain in effect beyond the COVID-19 recovery period.

All licensees are expected to comply with physical distancing measures and any other public health guidelines or orders issued by the Ontario Government or by any other applicable level of government.

Licensees may continue to sell alcohol for off-site consumption and delivery to a residence in conjunction with takeout or delivery food orders until December 31, 2020 as prescribed in current regulation.

The AGCO remains committed to protecting public safety and ensuring that alcohol is sold, served, delivered and consumed in a responsible manner. Any conditions on a licence continue to apply and licensees must continue to meet all other existing requirements in the LLA and regulations.

The AGCO continues to work closely with the Government of Ontario to find ways of supporting Ontarians and the sectors we regulate.

Further information on these new measures can be obtained by calling AGCO Customer Service at 1-800-522-2876 or by visiting the AGCO webpage.

Links to electronic versions of the Liquor Licence Act and its regulations are available on our [Acts and Regulations](#) page.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

AGCO Customer Service

Telephone: 416-326-8700

Toll free in Ontario: 1-800-522-2876

Or via the [iAGCO online portal](#)

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## May-20

### Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	15	70	\$239,450.00	\$7,212,470.00	\$1,686.36	\$84,898.41
Commercial	0	4	\$0.00	\$255,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,286.00
Industrial	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Institutional	1	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	1	3	\$45,000.00	\$495,000.00	\$291.84	\$764.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$384,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,062,470.00</b>	<b>\$1,978.20</b>	<b>\$ 88,949.32</b>

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Y.O.Y.	49	111	\$4,358,810.00	\$ 9,940,872.00	\$45,631.48	\$ 82,907.02	7.29%
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#### NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

##### Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	0	26	\$0.00	\$5,507,000.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,507,000.00</b>

Y.O.Y	13	20	\$ 3,169,700.00	\$ 6,339,200.00
	-100.00%	30.00%	-100.00%	-13.13%

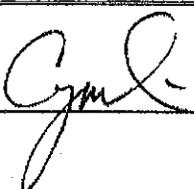
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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION NUMBER ONE  
Month of May 2020

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<b>Emergency Calls for the Month</b>	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires - 163	1
Vehicle Accidents - 147, 160, 173	3
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 156, 161, 174	3
Rescues -	0
Burning Complaints -	0
False Alarms -	0
CO Calls - 159	1
Other Responses (List) -	0
	8
<b>Sub-total of Emergency Calls</b>	
Assist Stn #2 - 146, 149, 167, 165	4
Mutual Aid Responses -	0
<b>Total Emergency calls</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Training and Activities for the Month</b>	
Regular Training and Special Training - May 13 & May 28	2
Theory Training - May 12 & May 29	2
Work Details (List) - May 6 - Stand by for Dependable, May 05 - Truck Checks	2
Public Education -	0
Inspections/Prevention - May 14 - Fire Safety Plan, May 11 - Re- inspection visit, May 01, 04, 07, 13 - Burn Permit Inspections, May 14 - Correspondence - email	7
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting -	0
<b>Total Training and Activities for the Month</b>	<b>13</b>

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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 STATION NUMBER TWO  
 Month of May 2020

<u>Emergency Calls for the Month</u>	
Structure Fires - 165, 167	2
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition - 146(BBQ)	1
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires - 166	1
Vehicle Accidents - 162	1
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 144(VSA), 148, 151(VSA), 152 (VSA), 155 (VSA), 157, 158, 164, 168, 171, 173	11
Rescues -	0
Burning Complaints - 153, 154	2
False Alarms - 145, 149, 150	3
CO Calls - 170	1
Other Responses (List) - 169 - Post fire Investigation	1
<b>Sub-total of Emergency Calls</b>	<b>23</b>
Assist Stn #1 - 163	1
Mutual Aid Responses -	0
<b>Total Emergency Calls</b>	<b>24</b>
<u>Training and Activities for the Month</u>	
Regular Training and Special Training -	0
Theory Training - May 12 - April theory catch up, May 13 - April theory catch up, May 28 - Photo voltaic, May 29 - Online training brush and grass fires	4
Work Details (List) - May 2 - SCBA cylinder numbers, May 19 - Truck Checks, May 20 - Station 1 - oiling of trucks & burn permit entry May 14 - Health and Safety Meeting, May 25 - Bunker gear for cleaning and burn permit entry, May 27 & 29 - burn permit entry	7
Public Education -	0
Inspections/Prevention - May 14 - Fire Safety Plan Review, May 25, 26, 27 - Plan Review, May 26 - Post Fire Inspection, May 25 & 14 - Correspondence - email	7
Special Activities (List) - Birthday drive-bys - May 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22(2), 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	24
Officer Meeting -	0
<b>Total Training and Activities for the Month</b>	<b>42</b>

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# MAY - EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS, DAY & TIME

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 VSA Stn 2 10-11am; Perceived emerg Stn 2 10:30-11:30pm (2)	2
3 Smoke in the home Stn 2 7-8pm; medical Stn 2 7-8pm  (2 concurrent)	4 Medical Stn 2 10-11am; perceived emergency Stn 2 2-3pm  (2)	5 Fire alarm Stn 2 3:30-4:30pm  (1)	6 VSA Stn 2 5-6pm  (1)	7 Medical Stn 29-10am; burn comp Stn 2 6-7pm  (2)	8 Burn comp Stn 1 11-12pm  (1)	9 VSA Stn 2 7-8am  (1)
of 10 Medical Stn 1 9-10pm  (1)	11	12	13	14	15 Medical #2 9-10am; medical #2 10-11am; false alarm #1 10-11pm (3)	16
17 MVC #1 11-12am; medical #1 1:30-2:30pm; MVC #2 10-11pm (3)	18	19	20	21 Grass fire #1&2 6-8pm; medical #1 7-8pm (2 concurrent)	22	23 House fire #1&2 1:30-11:30am  (1)
24 Grass fire #2 9:30-10:30am  (1)	25 Shed Fire #2 5-7am  (1)	26 Medical #2 2-3am; assist other #2 3-5pm; CO #2 8-9pm  (3)	27	28 Medical #2 9-10am  (1)	29	30 MVC #1 2:30-3:30pm; medical #2 6-7pm  (2)

31 VSA #1 5:30-6:30pm (1)