



# **The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario**

## **Resolution**

**No. 10**

**November 17, 2020**

**Moved by: Councillor Wayne Campbell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Victor Pietrangelo**

**WHEREAS** According to the Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan (2008), Canadian municipalities are free to declare states of emergencies in response to "any situation or impending situation caused by the forces of nature, an accident, an intentional act or otherwise that constitutes a danger of major proportions to life or property."

**WHEREAS** Approximately 625 residents- including 144 children in Niagara, were counted as homeless (March 2018), with shelter occupancy operating at 109.4 percent capacity

**WHEREAS** Niagara EMS reported 335 suspected opiate overdoses (Jan-June 2019).

**WHEREAS** Some Niagara-area municipalities have had services such as mental health removed from their Hospitals, and whereas Niagara is severely lacking in mental health and addiction services

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Niagara Falls request the Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction.

**FURTHERMORE**, the Niagara Regional Council, Niagara Region Public Health and Social Services, Premier of Ontario, the provincial Minister of Health, Minister of the Attorney General, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, as well as the Prime Minister of Canada, all regional municipalities and all local area municipalities within the Niagara Region be copied on this resolution."

**AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.**

**CARRIED**

**WILLIAM G. MATSON**  
**CITY CLERK**

**JAMES M. DIODATI**  
**MAYOR**