



Community Services

Legislative Services

December 15, 2020

File #120203

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o/b Members of the Niagara Regional Council and Niagara Region
Public Health and Social Services Committee
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Issac Brock Way
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Dear Members:

Re: Request Niagara Region to Declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of December 14, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the City of Niagara Falls dated November 17, 2020 requesting the Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls correspondence dated November 17, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

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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

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BY COUNCIL