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**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Regional Municipality of Niagara  
1815 Sir Issac Brock Way, PO Box 1042  
Thorold ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

**RE: Request to Niagara Regional to Declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness & Addiction**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on December 21, 2020 endorsed the attached resolution 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.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Todd, Town Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health [christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)  
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Local Area Municipalities



# **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**