
MEMORANDUM

COM-C 4-2021

Subject: Request for Declaration of State of Emergency for Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction – Additional Correspondence

Date: February 16, 2021

To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

The Clerk's Office is in receipt of additional correspondence in response to the motion from the City of Niagara Falls respecting Niagara Region declaring a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction. Correspondence received from the Towns of Lincoln and Pelham and the Cities of Port Colborne, St. Catharines and Welland, is attached to this memorandum.

Other Pertinent Reports:

- COM-C 2-2021 Request for Declaration of State of Emergency for Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1
905-563-8205

January 19, 2021

Sent via email:
Local Area Municipalities

Re: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution re: Niagara Region Recognize and Acknowledge Mental Health as a Regional Crisis and Support Solutions to End Homelessness and Addiction

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on January 18, 2021 passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer; Seconded by: Councillor Paul MacPherson

That the correspondence received from the City of Niagara Falls, dated November 17, 2020 and presentation provided by Mr. Soos to Special Council for the Town of Lincoln on December 7, 2020 be received; and

That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln request that Niagara Region recognize and acknowledge Mental Health as a Regional crisis and support solutions to end homelessness and addiction; and

That Lincoln staff present back to Council a report on potential local solutions and supports, in collaboration with regional staff.

CARRIED

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: 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

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**WILLIAM G. MATSON
CITY CLERK**

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**JAMES M. DIODATI
MAYOR**

January 14, 2021

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold ON L2V 4T7
ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca

Attention: Ms. Norio,

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

At their regular meeting of January 11, 2021, the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Pelham 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."

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, Dipl.M.M., AMCT
Town Clerk

cc. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
Niagara Region Public Health and Social Services
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
Christine Elliott, Provincial Minister of Health, christine.elliott@pc.ola.org
Doug Downey, Minister of Attorney General, doug.downey@pc.ola.org
Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, todd.smithco@pc.ola.org
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, steve.clark@pc.ola.org
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition, ahorwath-gp@ndp.on.ca
Local Niagara Municipalities
Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP, sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org
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January 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via E-mail: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Resolution – Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 11, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the City of Niagara Falls - Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

ec: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Niagara Region
Niagara Region Public Health
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AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.

CARRIED

**WILLIAM G. MATSON
CITY CLERK**

**JAMES M. DIODATI
MAYOR**



January 12, 2021

City of Niagara Falls
City Clerk's Office
Attn: William Matson
4310 Queen St., Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6X5

Sent via email: hruzylo@niagarafalls.ca

**Re: Request for Support - Motion – Request to the Niagara Region to Declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction
Our File 35.23.2**

Dear Mayor and Council,

At its meeting held on December 14, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“That Council endorse the resolution from the City of Niagara Falls regarding the request to the Niagara Region to Declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1501.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk'.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Cc: Niagara Regional Council via Regional Clerk's Office
Scott Rosts, Office of St. Catharines Mayor
Shelley Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer



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April 22, 2020

File No. 21-30

SENT VIA EMAIL

Office of the Regional Clerk
Niagara Regional Council
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
P.O. Box 1042
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: January 19, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of January 19, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests the Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and further

The Niagara Regional Council, Niagara Region Public Health and Social Services, Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Minister of the Attorney General, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Niagara Center MPP be copied on this resolution.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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c.c.: Niagara Region Public Health, sent via email
Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, sent via email
Minister of the Attorney General, sent via email
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, sent via email
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, sent via email
Niagara MPPs, sent via email
Local Municipalities, sent via email
Adam Eckhart, Fire Chief, sent via email