



December 16, 2020

TO: Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Email: premier@ontario.ca

AND TO: The Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Attention: Theresa Marentette, CEO
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Re: Resolution of Support for Town of Essex Small Businesses

At its Special Council Meeting of December 14, 2020, Council of the Town of Essex discussed the serious and dire challenges facing our small businesses in town due to the Covid-19 restrictions currently imposed in our area.

As a result of the discussion that ensued, the following resolution was passed:

Moved By Councillor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

"Whereas the Town of Essex recognizes that all small businesses in the Town of Essex are essential and form the very backbone of our community and its economic, physical, mental and social well-being;

And Whereas the Town of Essex acknowledges that its small businesses remain subject to the currently imposed Provincial and local Health Unit orders relating to COVID-19 restrictions on small businesses as such restrictions prevail over the Town's ability to lessen such restrictions;

And Whereas Council wishes to ensure that all small businesses in the Town of Essex are aware and understand that they continue to have the support of their Town Council and Administration;

Accordingly BE IT RESOLVED The Town of Essex hereby declares that all small businesses in the Town of Essex should be deemed by Provincial and Local Health authorities as being Essential Services during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Town thereby requests that the Province of Ontario and the Windsor –Essex County Health Unit take the required and immediate steps to deem all small businesses as being Essential Services during the Pandemic so as to allow our small businesses to remain



open including in-store sales but with continued or increased safety measures as appropriate and with limited capacity restrictions in effect but with such capacity restrictions to be appropriate to the size/capacity of the particular business.

And further that this resolution be also forwarded to the Province, Local Health Authorities, local M.P.P and all local municipalities with a Request for Support.

Carried

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Auger", written over a horizontal line.

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