



June 17, 2020

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**URGENT CALL TO ACTION**

**RE: Spread of COVID-19 in our Farm Worker Population**

Dear Ms. Marentette,

At its regular council meeting of June 15, 2020 Essex Town Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor Bondy

**(R20-06-209) That** the Town of Essex Council requests urgent and emergency action to be taken by all levels of government in order to support all local farm workers, including migrant workers, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**That** the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs come together immediately to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our farm worker population. The health and welfare of farm workers is vital to our community and to the opening up our local economy. Farm gate delivered mandatory testing including a plan of care for COVID positive workers as well as comprehensive tracking and tracking is required to act in a proactive not reactive manner; and



**That** the Town of Essex Council write to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to express our urgent call to action and request for support from all other Essex County municipalities.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory, but should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Auger".

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