



July 3, 2020

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**RE: COVID-19 Financial Relief for Municipalities**

Dear Mr. Natyshak,

On behalf of the Town of Essex I wish to advise that at its Special Council meeting of June 29, 2020 Essex Town Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

Moved By Mayor Snively  
Seconded By Councilor Bondy

**That** a letter be sent to Taras Natyshak, Member of Provincial Parliament for Essex, asking Mr. Natyshak if he could read such letter in the House and request the Ontario Government to provide immediate relief and/or financial support in order to assist with the additional financial burdens that Municipalities all across Ontario have had to bear and will continue to bear as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**"Carried"**

During this unique and unparalleled time, Municipalities all across Ontario have had to deal with the additional financial pressures associated with providing and continuing to provide critical services while at the same time suffering unprecedented revenue losses. These



pressures are further compounded by the fact that municipalities are unable to run budgetary deficits and have limited revenue generating tools. Further, running deficits as a way to manage municipal financial challenges as a result of the pandemic would not be in the public interest. Accordingly, without fiscal relief from other levels of government, the concern is that municipalities facing unparalleled financial hardship may be forced to make difficult decisions to reduce the level of services being provided to their residents.

On behalf of Essex Town Council we therefore ask the Ontario Government to immediately evaluate the COVID-19 pandemic's impact to municipal budgets and discuss the need for immediate provincial support for municipalities.

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 "R. Auger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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