

April 7, 2021

Via email: [clerks@sarnia.ca](mailto:clerks@sarnia.ca)

City of Sarnia  
**Attention: Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk**  
255 Christina Street North  
Sarnia, ON  
N7T 7N2

Dear Ms. Burkhart:

**RE: Correspondence – Colour Coded Capacity Limits**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2021, and the following was passed.

**“Resolution #7(b)/04/06/21**

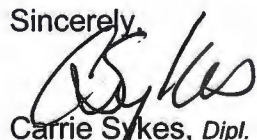
**WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk from the City of Sarnia requesting Support for the Province of Ontario to Adjust Capacity Limits as Part of the Colour-Coded System, dated March 4, 2021;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the City of Sarnia’s resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Sarnia, the Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.**

**Carried.”**

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.  
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits**

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

***That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.***

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'AB', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Amy Burkhart  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities  
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton  
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton