

July 21, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
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**Re: Resolution of Council – Support of Kitchener Resolution RE Increasing
Building Material Cost**

Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, July 21, 2021 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

156-2021

Moved By Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Larry Snively

That Essex County Council support the resolution of the Council of the City of Kitchener, seeking Federal and Provincial action to mitigate or offset the impacts to the rising cost of building materials.

Carried

Should any further information be required, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Gary McNamara
Warden
Enclosure
/cs

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Cc:

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July 12, 2021

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on Monday June 28, 2021, passed the following resolution with respect to the rising cost of building materials:

"WHEREAS the prices for construction materials have seen dramatic increases during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS reports by Statistics Canada noted that the price of lumber increased by 68 percent between March 2020 and March 2021, while fabricated metal products and construction material rose by 9 percent; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has seen an accelerated overall increase in demands for construction; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has deemed residential construction as essential activity during province-wide emergency declarations and stay-at-home orders; and,

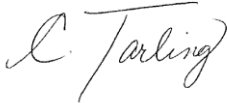
WHEREAS Kitchener City Council considers it a matter of public interest as the increase in rates and demand could result in unsustainable costs on the local construction industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Kitchener advocate to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials; and;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau; Honourable Doug Ford,

Premier Ontario; Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Honourable Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Job Creation and Trade; local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Tarling".

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Hon. Premiere Doug Ford
Hon. Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy
Hon. Minister Victor Fedeli
Hon. Minister Steve Clark
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities