



December 8, 2021

TO: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
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AND TO: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
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Re: Letter of Instruction from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

At its Regular Council Meeting of December 7, 2021, Essex Town Council had a discussion concerning the Letter of Instruction issued on December 5 by the Acting Medical Officer of Health. Council discussed the cumulative impact that the current COVID-19 pandemic and its continuing restrictions have had on both our residents and our business community. In particular reference was made to the significant implications that 50 percent of total indoor capacity will have on local bars, restaurants and the general local economy during the current holiday season. As a result of the discussion Council passed the following resolution:

R21-12-480

Moved By: Councillor Bondy

Seconded By: Councillor Bjorkman

That Essex Council let the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit ("WECHU") know that it opposes the Letter of Instruction dated December 5, 2021, which limits the indoor capacity of bars and restaurants to be only at 50 percent of their total capacity.



Whereas residents in Windsor- Essex are able to cross the border to attend sporting events, restaurants and concerts without capacity restrictions.

Whereas residents are able to attend local sporting events, shop in big box stores locally without capacity limits.

Whereas grants and subsidies for businesses that have struggled since March 2020, have now been cancelled and businesses are expected to start making repayments all while entering into a reduced capacity period.

Whereas Windsor- Essex residents have a high vaccination rate and businesses are legislated to already check vaccination documents and these businesses cannot afford to lose more patrons during the month of December.

Whereas many of our local business owner/operators are mentally exhausted and have suffered personal financial hardships over the last two years struggling to provide for their families and pay their bills.

Whereas last year our businesses were shut down around the same time and Windsor- Essex residents were told that with vaccination and the checking of vaccination records we would get back to normal and here we are hurting our business industry once again.

Therefore, we issue this letter from Essex Council to the WECHU, all local municipalities impacted, County Council, our Member of Provincial Parliament Taras Natyshak and Premier Doug Ford requesting that the Letter of Instruction be revoked so our businesses can operate on an equal playing field.

"Carried by 8-0 Recorded Vote"



I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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