



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

AUGUST 7, 2020

1. **C-192-2020**
Correspondence dated July 31, 2020 from the City of Owen Sound respecting a resolution of support for private member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day.
2. **C-193-2020**
Correspondence dated July 23, 2020 from Lou Ann Binning, President, and Niagara Regional Labor Council, respecting a motion for urgent COVID relief funding.
3. **C-194-2020**
Correspondence received from Rico and Florence Leone, Lakeshore Road respecting a letter of concern with short-term rentals emerging in Wainfleet.
4. **C-195-2020**
Correspondence dated July 13, 2020 from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators acknowledging the commitment of Wainfleet's Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. William Kolasa, for his thirty years of municipal service in a management capacity.

Received July 31, 2020
C-192-2020

July 31, 2020

Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament
Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
1102 2nd Avenue East, Suite 208
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2J1

Dear Mr. Ruff:

Re: Support for Private Member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day

At its Regular meeting held on July 27, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-200727-023 as follows:

R-200727-023

"THAT Owen Sound City Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

"THAT the House recognizes that:

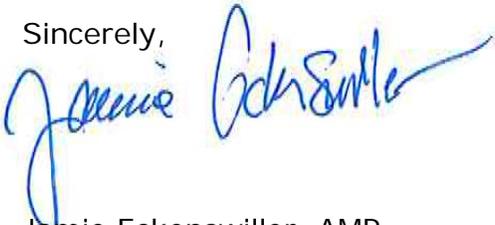
- a. The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834;**
- b. Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834;**
- c. Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;**
- d. The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;**
- e. The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada."; and**

THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and all House of Commons representatives; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario."

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP
Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound

cc. All Members of the House of Commons
All Ontario Municipalities

From: lou ann binning [<mailto:louannbinning@gmail.com>]

Sent: July 23, 2020 6:48 PM

Cc: Lisa Bastien <bastien@clc-ctc.ca>; Joshua Moraes <jmoraes@clcctc.ca>; NRLC <nrlc.clc@gmail.com>

Subject: SUBJECT: Motion for Urgent COVID Relief Funding

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As you are well aware, municipal workers are on the front-lines going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during COVID-19. However, responding to this pandemic has left municipal governments in financial crisis. Their revenues have collapsed and unanticipated costs are soaring.

As you know it is projected that the gross costs related to COVID-19 will be nearly \$50 million for the Niagara Region.

Without financial help, cities will be forced to cut the vital local services our families and communities rely upon every day. On top of that, our cities are major economic drivers and this financial crisis is a threat to Canada's economic recovery. Provincial and federal levels of government must step up and provide financial support to our cities.

The Niagara Regional Labour Council working with the Canadian Labour Congress has been working hard in pushing the Ontario and federal governments to provide financial support. Many cities across Canada are currently working to pass the attached motion in order to keep the pressure on. Please consider doing the same.

Please advise if we can be of further assistance in these pursuits. The Labour Council is a strong voice to mobilize actions, and we would be honoured to be part of conversations in the economic recovery from COVID-19.

Looking forward to speaking with you further.

Sincerely,
Lou Ann Binning, President
Niagara Regional Labour Council

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Motion to the (town/city/municipality)

BECAUSE our local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada;

BECAUSE municipal workers are going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis;

BECAUSE municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring;

BECAUSE without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely upon;

BECAUSE public transportation makes our communities more livable and fights climate change;

“The (Town/City/Municipality)” calls for the provincial and federal governments to provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.

Town of Wainfleet Council

Mr. Mayor and Councillors;

My wife and I are residents of Wainfleet on Lakeshore and we along with our neighbours are very concerned about the proliferation of Short-Term Rental Properties that have sprung up in our neighbourhood in recent years. At present there are at least 6 advertised STRP's within a half kilometer of our homes. These homes are owned by absentee landlords and are rented on a daily/weekly basis. They are all single family dwellings and at times have up to 20 people or more living in them on a short-term basis. Many times there are crowds present with overflow tents set up on the beach and the partying goes on long into the night with loud music, fireworks, yelling and swearing.

Our neighbours and ourselves built or purchased homes in this area to raise our families and enjoy the peaceful quiet living the lakeshore offers us. We did not purchase here to live next to hotels. This area is designated as residential with single dwelling households and we don't believe short-term rentals fits into that designation. These are commercial ventures and should be operated in a commercially zoned area.

We understand that many of these STRP's are popping up in Wainfleet, however it must be clearly stated as to where they can locate and the appropriate regulations that must be abided by: such as operating in a commercial area and having proper infrastructure in place to accommodate an appropriate number of renters housed in these homes. You will remember that all construction was stopped for 5 years along the lakeshore due to the polluted aquifer in particular areas. With numerous partyers in a single family home there surely is a strain on each of these houses' septic systems and in turn overflows seeping into the aquifer would now sadly recreate the pollution of yesteryear in this otherwise sensitive uncontaminated area of the peninsula.

Other local communities have already adopted bylaws to address and control where these STRP's can operate; two such communities being the towns of Pelham and Niagara on the Lake. They have implemented bylaws that not only permit but have specific parameters for any short-term accommodation rentals, including bed and breakfast establishments, and short-term rentals of entire dwelling units in the agricultural, special rural, neighbourhood commercial, central commercial and commercial rural zones, all subject to meeting licensing requirements.

These councils have also passed an additional clearly defined licensing bylaw requiring all short-term accommodations, including bed and breakfast establishments, to obtain a licence to operate such business ventures. These measures can only help to improve the functioning of their communities for the wellbeing of all residents.

With the ever increasing number of residences being turned into STRP's, bylaws need to be in place promptly to control where, when and how these businesses can operate. We have recently heard that council has started the process of looking into this problematic issue. We also urge

you to hold a town hall meeting in the near future to hear the concerns of the Wainfleet residents about Short-term Rental Properties in their neighbourhoods.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and we look forward to your timely response.

Best Regards

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July 13, 2020

Mayor Kevin Gibson
Township of Wainfleet
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Dear Mayor Gibson,

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators' (CAMA) Long Service Recognition Awards Program recognizes and celebrates the dedication to public service and municipal management of our members, which is a significant priority for our Association. These awards are based on the number of years of full-time, paid employment in municipal government in a management capacity (a Chief Administrative Officer or reporting directly to a Chief Administrative Officer). They are granted at ten years and given in five year increments.

This year in your municipality we acknowledged the commitment of your Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. William Kolasa, for his thirty years of municipal service in a management capacity. His recognition pin has been mailed to him directly.

We ask you to assist us in recognizing Mr. Kolasa (by perhaps making a special presentation to him at City Council) for his ongoing support of the municipal profession and for the part that he continues to play in helping to make CAMA the leading organization in fostering and sustaining municipal excellence.

Our sincere gratitude to you for your continued support of this valued CAMA member and dedicated employee of your organization. We trust that your municipality has tremendously benefited from his membership in CAMA and we are confident that it will continue to do so.

Sincerely,



Jake Rudolph
CAMA President

cc William Kolasa, Chief Administrative Officer