



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

### SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

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1. **C-211-2020**

Correspondence received September 13, 2020 from Debbie France, resident of Norfolk County respecting a request to join together with other Ontario municipalities and demand an enforceable solution from our Ministers to stop illicit cannabis grow operations.

2. **C-212-2020**

Correspondence received September 14, 2020 from Patti Bauer, Niagara resident, respecting a request to declare September 2021 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and raise the corresponding flag.

3. **C-213-2020**

Correspondence received September 14, 2020 from Niagara's South Coast Tourism Association respecting grant funding provided to support local tourism in Niagara's South Coast.

4. **C-214-2020**

Correspondence received September 14, 2020 from Niagara SPCA respecting monthly statistics for August 2020.

5. **C-215-2020**

Correspondence received September 15, 2020 from Loyalist Township respecting support of the Canadian Ferry Association's request to the Ministry of Transportation that ferries be considered part of the local transit system.

6. **C-216-2020**

Correspondence received September 16, 2020 from the Township of North Glengarry respecting a resolution of support for funding and inspection of Ontario's Long-Term Care homes.

7. **C-217-2020**

Correspondence received September 16, 2020 from the Township of Wollaston respecting a resolution requesting changes to the Municipal Elections Act.

8. **C-218-2020**

Correspondence received September 16, 2020 from the Town of Gravenhurst respecting a resolution of support regarding the designation of August 1st as Emancipation Day in Canada.

9. **C-219-2020**

Correspondence received September 18, 2020 from Brock University Communications & Public Affairs respecting the extension of online classes through the winter term.

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**Subject:** Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Operations

**From:** Debbie France <[debbiefrence@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrence@live.ca)>

**Date:** September 13, 2020 at 11:20:11 PM EDT

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**Subject:** Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Operations

Hello Deputy Clerk Ciuffetelli and Mayor Gibson at the Township of Wainfleet,  
Kindly share the information beneath and add it to your agenda for discussion at your next council meeting.

Thanks kindly  
Debbie France

Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Operations

This email is being sent to all municipalities in Ontario who are being unjustly impacted by the outbreak in cannabis grow operations that choose not to follow municipal bylaws and regulations.

These grow operations are surging throughout Ontario exposing residents to personal safety and health risks.

### **What has caused the problem?**

Loopholes in cannabis legislation

Loophole after loophole in cannabis legislation continues to be exploited. The legalization of cannabis was meant to keep cannabis from our youth and to get it off the black market. According to law enforcement, legislation has had the opposite effect. It has allowed organized crime to gain an even stronger foothold.

### **Why work together with other municipalities?**

Residents are suffering from the unintended consequences of some of the components of cannabis legislation.

- Many cannabis operations are operating without the required municipal permits, required set-backs and in areas not municipally zoned for cannabis operations.
- According to police, there is a threat to community safety. Guns have been seized at raids. Profits have been known to fund other crimes such as methamphetamine labs and cannabis can be used as currency to trade for cocaine and guns coming from United States. Organized crime has found a way to be comfortably sheltered within existing cannabis laws.

- Obnoxious skunk-like odours are adversely impacting the health and well being of residents.
- Risks to drinking water supply from excessive water usage and chemical contamination.
- Light and noise pollution.
- Greenhouses and other facilities that could be used for more legitimate job creating purposes are often being used for illicit cannabis production.
- Residents are afraid to voice their concerns in public as they fear the criminal element.
- A standardized and enforceable solution will significantly reduce many of the costs municipalities are currently facing.

Over the last few weeks, I have fielded phone calls and emails from residents of Norfolk County and across the province who live in municipalities attempting to control the outbreak. The municipalities all appear to be going to great lengths to help their impacted residents but the common response from everyone is that there isn't an immediate enforceable solution.

**In developing a solution, it is important to consider the contributing factors to this problem**

- It appears as though many cannabis producers are boldly going forward with their operation without regard for municipal regulations believing they can potentially hide behind the Ministry of Agriculture, Right to Farm legislation that was established to protect farmers who feed our country.
- Far too often, cannabis operations disregard compliance to local bylaws and zoning regulations. Court cases often take years.
- Many cannabis operations are difficult to monitor and are improperly regulated.
- There doesn't seem to be a cannabis tracking system in place for the vast majority of these operations. Where is the cannabis going?
- The secluded locations of these growers make it challenging for enforcement.
- Police raids have revealed that many of these operations are growing beyond their allowable plant limits.
- When the national cannabis prescription average is 2 grams per day as of March 2020 one has to question why the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not questioning or investigating prescriptions as high as 100-150 grams per day.

The purpose of the Cannabis Act was to displace the illicit market but it has actually given it a banner to flourish under a legal license.

Unfortunately, our Federal Government put us in this position. It's long overdue for our Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and our Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, Agriculture and Justice to place the personal safety and health of residents first.

**What should a solution involve?**

- Change in Federal and Provincial legislation and/or regulation is required to eliminate the loopholes that the criminal element has taken advantage of.
- Delegation of inspection authority to local municipalities would allow for fire, health and building inspections. Law enforcement would continue to have authority of plant count and the validity of operational authenticity.
- There is a need to verify prescriptions and the doctors who issue them.

## **THE ASK...**

1. This issue **MUST** be raised at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
2. We are requesting municipalities to join together and place this at the top of our Provincial and Federal Governments "must urgently fix" list. All levels of government need to be involved in developing a standardized and enforceable solution. Reach out to your MP's and MPP's.

There is strength and leverage in numbers. Join together with other municipalities and demand an enforceable solution from our Ministers.

Thanks kindly,  
Debbie France  
751 Townsend Concession Rd 14  
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519 426 8626  
Resident of Norfolk County

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**Note:** The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to [debbiefrance@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrance@live.ca) and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

## Cannabis Articles

### 1) *General knowledge*

**Article:** Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020)  
(Perhaps best article to understand entire issue)

<https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/>

**Article:** Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)  
(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective)

<https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind>

## **Cannabis Reference Material**

**Article:** Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)  
(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)  
<https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-in-holland-marsh-2433271>

**Article:** County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020)  
<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences>

### ***2) Cannabis land use reports***

**Article:** Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham  
(Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues  
<https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743>

### ***3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands***

**Article:** Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)  
<https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabis-production-facilities-can-locate/>

**Article:** Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/>

### ***4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement***

**Article:** East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video)  
<https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14>

**Article:** Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations – Fed MP Derek Sloan  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz>

### ***5) Police Intervention - Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants*** (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

**Article:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691>

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### **6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)**

**Article:** More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region  
(CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

<https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-in-york-region-1.4541063>

### **7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits**

#### **St. Catharines**

**Article:** Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/>

#### **King Township**

**Article:** Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe's Garden property in King  
(York Region Oct 7, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/>

**Article:** 8 charged after \$400k worth of 'excess cannabis' found on King Township grow-op  
(CBC News Oct 2, 2018)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-1.4847114>

**Article:** Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants  
(CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863>

#### **Stouffville**

**Article:** Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora  
(YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limits-near-aurora/>

### **8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border**

**Article:** Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border  
(Global News June 16, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/>



### ***9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue***

**Article:** MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - **Fed MP Diane Finley**  
<https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/>

**Article:** Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - **Fed MP Derek Sloan**  
<https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/>

**Article:** 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - **Fed MP Terry Dowdall**  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/>

### ***10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)***

<https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization>

### ***11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation***

<https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/>

### ***12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws***

**Article:** Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied>

**Article:** Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020)  
<http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388>

### ***13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations***

**Article:** Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw (Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea>

**Article:** East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020)  
<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/>

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### ***14) Nuisance bylaw amendment - Cannabis odour***

**Article:** Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns  
(Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245>

**Article:** Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment  
(Global News Apr 23, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/>

**Article:** Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln  
(Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10128119-nuisance-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-odour-coming-soon-to-lincoln/>

**Article:** Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations  
(Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/>

**Article:** Niagara area town buys \$5,000 device to measure weed smell after repeated complaints from residents (Timmins Today Jul 7, 2020)

<https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977>

### ***15) Municipalities that have requested assistance from Province***

**Article:** Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities  
(Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabis-production-in-municipalities-2366228>

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**Subject:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month-September 2021

On Sep 14, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Patti Bauer <[jbauer3@bell.net](mailto:jbauer3@bell.net)> wrote:

Hi

My name is Patti Bauer and I lost my daughter Miranda to cancer in March 2013.

I am writing to ask whether the Township of Wainfleet would be open to declaring SEPTEMBER 2021 Childhood cancer Awareness month.

This year, my friend was able to get St Catharines to declare this status and to raise a flag to our children.

We have a flag designed and able to be supplied to the City by a local Thorold business. My family and friends arrange everything and we are also able to give volunteer hours to local high school students if there are any students interested.

This is not a small event. This is an incredible bonding event. We invite all those who support us, who are battling cancer and family members of those who have lost to cancer to join us. We need to make September go GOLD. We need more awareness and we need more funding for CHILDHOOD cancer research. Children's research only gets .05 (FIVE CENTS) for every RESEARCH DOLLAR raised. My family's mission is raising funds for research and we have a designated monitored fund set up at Sick Kids. We have raised over \$130,000.00 to date.

There is an article attached that was in Niagarathisweek.com with photos which I invite you to check out and see/read how this amazing day unfolded! Please also feel free to check out our Facebook page MAKING MORE MIRACLES IN MEMORY OF MIRANDA BAUER to see what we do....and why.

Thank you so much for your attention and we hope to hear from you soon!

Patti Bauer

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St. Catharines raises childhood cancer awareness flag

News Sep 02, 2020 by [Bryan Levesque](#) [./niagara-author/bryan-levesque/8C2903A3-4665-4249-8C87-039073934D13/](#) [✉️./mailto:blevesque@metroland.com](#) Niagara This Week - St. Catharines  
A new flag will be flying above St. Catharines City Hall for the month of September.

The gold childhood cancer awareness flag was raised during a ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 2 morning at City Hall, where parents and survivors gathered, along with St. Catharines deputy mayor Lori Littleton and Niagara Falls councillor Mike Strange.

Gold ribbons were also displayed with the names of children that childhood cancer has impacted.

Patti Bauer was one of the parents on hand for the event.

Bauer's daughter, Miranda, passed away in March 2013 at age 17 after fighting rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of cancer that produces malignant tumours on muscle."

Bauer said September is a significant month for her, not only for childhood cancer awareness.

"September is the month that we got Miranda, and September was also the month she was diagnosed with cancer."

For Baurer, the work to raise awareness for childhood cancers is the embodiment of the fighting spirit of her daughter, and the continuation of the work she did while fighting her own battle.

"We need to do what Miranda would do, she would pull her socks up and say lets go make a difference.

The 17 year old A.N. Meyer student raised over \$10,000 for research into rhabdomyosarcoma and childhood cancers, an area Bauer said is desperately underfunded.

"Childhood cancer gets roughly five cents for every research dollar that is raised. How do we solve a problem with pennies? That is why we need a childhood cancer awareness month."

According to Canada Public Health, an average of 880 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer each year, with 150 eventually succumbing to the disease.

The childhood cancer awareness flag will fly above St. Catharines city hall for the month of September.

by [Bryan Levesque](#) [./niagara-author/Bryan-Levesque/8c2903a3-4665-4249-8c87-039073934d13/](#)

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

NIAGARA'S SOUTH COAST TOURISM ASSOCIATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Grant provided to support local tourism in Niagara's South Coast**

South Coast, Niagara, ON (September 14, 2020) – As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the travel and tourism sector, municipalities within Niagara's South Coast are working collectively to revive the local tourism industry.

Niagara's South Coast Tourism Association (NSCTA) is the designated Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for southern Niagara and is comprised of four member municipalities: Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland which collectively represent a total population of 107,681 residents, approximately a quarter of the Niagara Region population.

Niagara's South Coast generates extensive tourism and economic opportunities for the local economy and contributes to the diversification of Niagara Region's tourism product offerings. According to the 2019 Niagara Regional Tourism Profile, there are 490 tourism-based businesses in Niagara's South Coast representing 4,274 jobs and \$293 million in total tourism expenditures.

In a recent application to the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO), NSCTA was successful in obtaining funding in the amount of \$473,963 to lead a number of projects and initiatives that will support local economic recovery efforts. The funding is part of a \$30-million Regional Relief and Recovery Fund provided by FedDev Ontario to support DMOs.

The NSCTA have collaboratively developed a strategic work plan in alignment with TIAOs phased approach for rebuilding tourism:

- Hyper-Local – Shop, buy, eat and stay local
- Explore Ontario – Explore the region or the one next door
- The Ontario Bucket List

Among the strategies within NSCTA's work plan are a number of marketing campaigns to drive traffic to local businesses within the partnering municipalities, promote Niagara's South Coast and to work with local tourism stakeholders to enhance digital presence to support their recovery efforts.



## Quotes

“Travel and tourism are vital for economic development in South Niagara. COVID-19 has reinforced this along with the importance of shopping local,” said Mayor Bill Steele, City of Port Colborne. “I would like to thank the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario for this grant because these funds, paired with the creativity and resilience of Port Colborne's business community, will allow us to work strategically with Fort Erie, Wainfleet, and Welland to create innovative ways that promote and strengthen our local shops, restaurants, and businesses.”

“Niagara’s South Coast showcases a vibrant and diverse tourism sector embodied by rich history, natural features, a thriving culinary scene and eclectic shopping experiences,” said Mayor Wayne Redekop, Town of Fort Erie. “Fort Erie’s valued partnership with Niagara’s South Coast member municipalities will strengthen the collaborative effort to create meaningful, dedicated support for tourism operators and local businesses as they stride towards recovery and prosperity.”

Wainfleet Mayor Kevin Gibson said “The South Coast municipalities are a natural destination offering a rich and diverse experience from shopping and culinary pursuits to the peace and slower pace of country life. With visitors being such a key part of the landscape in our area, these funds, combined with collaboration with our partners in Fort Erie, Welland and Port Colborne, will certainly help to strengthen our business sector and guide our Township toward a strong and lasting recovery going forward.”

Welland Mayor Frank Champion said “Our South Niagara municipalities offer tourists a wide variety of cultural, active and leisure tourism opportunities. This funding enables Welland and our partner communities to work collaboratively to build, package and promote an exceptional visitor experience that crosses municipal boundaries. Welland looks forward to showcasing, among other things, its continuing development and enhancement of activities in, on and around our recreational waterway which will result in new and expanded local business opportunities.”

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Received September 15, 2020  
C-215-2020

September 15, 2020

Hon. Caroline Mulroney  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto ON, M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Caroline Mulroney,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 24, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2020.33.11**

**Moved by: Councillor Porter**

**Seconded by: Councillor Townend**

Whereas the Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is delivering on its commitment to provide up to \$4 billion in urgently needed one-time assistance to Ontario's 444 municipalities;

And Whereas in addition to the support for municipalities, the government is providing over \$660 million in the first phase of transit funding to the 110 municipalities with transit systems to provide immediate relief from transit pressures, such as lower ridership, as well as for new costs due to COVID-19, such as enhanced cleaning and masks for staff;

And Whereas in the second phase, additional allocations will be provided based on expenses incurred to ensure the funding meets the needs of municipalities;

And Whereas as part of the Safe Restart Agreement with the federal government, up to \$2 billion is being provided to support public transit in Ontario;

And Whereas Ontario Regulation 191/11 being the Integrated Accessibility Standards, which applies to every designated public sector organization including municipalities, establishes accessibility standards, including transportation and as such, recognizes ferries as a form of public transportation;

And Whereas many municipalities located along large bodies of water such as Lake Ontario, including the Township of Frontenac Islands and Loyalist Township, are only accessible by public ferries which are connecting links to mainland highways and roads and form part of Ontario's road systems, making them critical public services;

And Whereas due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions placed on ferry services by Transport Canada as well as public health guide lines, ferry transit, similar to conventional transit, has experienced reduced ridership, additional costs to cover increased sanitization and requirement for masks for ferry operators, and reduced revenue due to the inability to collect cash fares;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Loyalist Township requests that the Ministry of Transportation support the Canadian Ferry Association's request that ferries be considered part of the local transit system and that lost revenue be eligible for reimbursement;

And Further That a portion of the (pandemic) Federal funds be allocated towards municipal transportation ferry revenue loss and ferry expenditures resulting from the pandemic;

And that this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BTeeple".

Brandi Teeple  
Deputy Clerk  
Loyalist Township

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

**Resolution #** 12

**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020

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**Moved by:** Carma Williams

**Seconded by:** Brenda Noble

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected the vulnerable elderly population in Canada's long-term care (LTC) homes and some of Ontario's LTC homes are among those with the highest fatality rates in the country as the pandemic has exposed deplorable conditions in many LTC homes across Canada; and

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Ministry of Long-Term Care to inspect long term care homes on an annual basis and these inspections have consistently dropped in number since 2017 with only nine completed out of 626 long term care home in 2019; and

WHEREAS residents have been endangered by personnel moving between infection zones without adequate equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry urges the Ontario government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long term care homes and requests that the Ministry of Long-term Care acts to regularly inspect all long term care homes , and sound infection control measures are put in place at all Ontario long term care homes and that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, the Ministry of Long-term Care Merrilee Fullerton and all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

**Carried**

**Deferred**

**Defeated**

  
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**MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay street  
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**ATTN: THE HON. STEVE CLARK**

Dear Minister Clark:

At a special meeting of council held on August 24, 2020, members discussed concerns regarding the 2018 municipal election.

In the last six weeks of the 2018 municipal election in Wollaston Township, seasonal property owners presented signed leases with family members for sleeping cabins, bunkies and sheds. The \$100.00 leases added a significant number of new non-resident electors to the voters' list.

Although concerns were raised regarding the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law and non-use of the standard lease form, the leases were used as eligibility, allowing the children of seasonal property owners access to a Township election for the first time.

Because this gave the appearance of a pay to play campaign, and because the leases were with family members, and because no people actually lived in these structures that lacked hydro, running water and washroom facilities, this was reported to the OPP, who have a duty to enforce the rules and regulations of the *Municipal Elections Act*.

The OPP did not proceed with charges because they said there was no case law.

The following Motion was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 03  
MOVED BY: TIM CONLIN  
SECONDED BY: DARLENE COLTON

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Wollaston Township ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon, Steve Clark, to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Council of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Council of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



**BERNICE CROCKER**  
Clerk/Administrator

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



***Transmitted via Email***

September 16, 2020

**RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – Designation of August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day in Canada**

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on *September 15, 2020*, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Klinck  
Seconded by Councillor Cairns

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion from the Township of Huron-Kinloss from August 28, 2020 re designation of Emancipation Day in Canada be received;

**AND THAT** the Town of Gravenhurst supports a national designation of August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day;

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this motion is sent to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

We trust the above to be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

*Melanie Haki*

Melanie Haki  
Administrative Clerk 2, Legislative Services





## MEDIA RELEASE

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Brock University – Communications & Public Affairs

### **Brock to extend online classes through Winter Term**

Following a decision by the University Senate, Brock University today announced it will continue with primarily online classes for the full academic year, extending the current academic model through the Winter Term that runs from January to April.

As a result of this decision, the current timetable for the Winter Term will be reviewed. A revised timetable should be available to students in November.

While courses will continue to be delivered primarily online in the Winter Term, a limited number of courses for which no online alternative exists will be offered on campus, as was the case in the Fall Term. For the Fall Term, only a few hundred students are taking courses on campus at any given time. Brock's total full- and part-time enrolment levels are around 19,000.

With a reduced student presence on campus, fewer staff are required on site to support a wide range of normal campus activities, from food services and library operations to administering parking and residences. Many staff are working primarily or entirely from home in the Fall Term. Brock will soon be releasing guidance to staff about what they should expect for the Winter Term as well.

Lynn Wells, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, said the University has chosen to continue with primarily online instruction in the Winter Term due to continued uncertainty posed by the pandemic. The University also recognized the undue burden that would be placed on students should they be required to relocate to the Niagara region at the beginning of the winter months.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Brock has made the health of our students, staff and faculty our priority and we will continue to do so," said Wells. "Many universities in Ontario have already begun to announce that they plan to continue instruction primarily online in the winter, and today Brock is joining that group."

This summer, Brock unveiled its own five-stage pandemic recovery plan that outlines levels of campus operations based on current public health guidelines.

On Sept. 1, the University moved from Brock Stage 2 to Brock Stage 3, which loosened some of the restrictions on campus activity and access. It is expected the University will remain at Brock Stage 3 until at least January 2021.

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For more information or for assistance arranging interviews:

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