



Community Services

Legislative Services

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Sent via email: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Canada/US Border Crossings - Essential Traffic Only - COVID-19

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 4, 2020 passed the following resolution for your action:

Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in all countries taking extraordinary measures to ensure the health of their populations, and

Whereas the limiting to essential traffic only at the border between the United States of America (US) and Canada has undoubtedly assisted in the containment of this disease, and

Whereas the medical community has stated that the possibility exists for another wave of infections, and

Whereas the Governors of US States have been empowered to begin easing restrictions, and

Whereas the conduct and travel of residents, and the operation of businesses in the US States bordering Canada and beyond, has a direct impact on the potential spread of the virus by virtue of those individuals entering Canada, and

Whereas Canadians and Americans entering each other's countries have the potential to return home after becoming infected, and

Whereas in less extraordinary times our American friends, family and neighbours are welcome in our community, and

Whereas we urge the government of Canada to continue to be guided by health and science in making its decisions regarding the border;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie hereby requests the Prime Minister of Canada to continue limitation of cross- border traffic to essential traffic only, and further

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That: The restrictions remain in place until such time that it can be demonstrated that the flattening of the outbreak curve in the United States of America is on par with the progress we are seeing in Ontario, and further

That: Canada Border Services Agency, in association with other health and law enforcement authorities, continues its protocol of screening and monitoring those individuals crossing the border to ensure that only essential travellers or individuals who reside in Canada gain entry into Canada as long as the border restrictions remain in place, and further

That: Special attention be paid to the outbreak statistics concerning border States in the eventual decision making process to return cross-border travel to pre-pandemic normalcies, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Wayne Gates, MPP-Niagara Falls, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Sam Oosterhoff, MPP-Niagara West-Glanbrook, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Jennifer Stevens, MPP-St. Catharines, Jeff Burch, MPP-Niagara Centre, Dean Allison, MP-Niagara West, Chris Bittle, MP- St. Catharines, Tony Baldinelli, MP- Niagara Falls, Vance Badawey, MP, Niagara Centre, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Niagara Area Local Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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