



Community Services

Legislative Services

September 21, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: City of St. Catharines – Address Nursing Shortage

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of September 20, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated September 15, 2021 requesting the Province of Ontario to immediately identify and implement solutions to this crisis that will allow the resumption of in-person learning for these children, possibly including but not limited to greater incentives to retain qualified nurses and the allowance of trained caregivers to fill these roles.

Attached please find a copy of the City of St. Catharines correspondence dated September 15, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Attach

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**Re: Provincial Nursing Shortage
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on September 13, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS a nursing shortage in the Province of Ontario is currently ongoing due to burnout from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS this nursing shortage has led to a situation where many medically fragile children who require one-on-one care from a nurse are unable to find one; and

WHEREAS this situation will lead to these children being unable to attend school this year; and

WHEREAS all available research indicates that in-person learning is superior to online virtual learning in the vast majority of cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines call upon the Government of Ontario to immediately identify and implement solutions to this crisis that will allow the resumption of in-person learning for these children, possibly including but not limited to greater incentives to retain qualified nurses and the allowance of trained caregivers to fill these roles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Christine Elliott, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Wayne Gates, MPP Jeff Burch, the local area municipalities and the Niagara Region.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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