



**Township of Chapple**

MEETING DATE:

8 March 2022

RESOLUTION NUMBER:

RES-7-2022





THAT the Township of Chapple supports the resolution from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) with regards to supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).



Signature

DISPOSITION:

CARRIED. ✓



Representing the Districts of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay

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January 17, 2022

**Resolution 2022-01: Support for the Expansion of NOSM to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario.**

**Background:**

There is a desperate shortage of physicians and health care professionals in Northwestern Ontario. The global pandemic has put a microscope on the inadequacies and vulnerabilities present in the health care system in northern communities with limited access to physicians and specialists. Northwestern Ontario is a vast geographic region, and many smaller communities are not equipped with their own hospitals or trained professionals. Therefore, residents from many municipalities must travel long distances to access health care services. Procuring and retaining skilled physicians that can respond to the unique and multifaceted health care needs of Northern communities is of vital importance and will translate to lives saved.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), along with Lakehead and Laurentian universities, developed a unique and successful curriculum that resulted in highly trained physicians and specialists. A large portion of students complete their training in rural communities in Northwestern Ontario and many choose to stay and develop their practice. NOSM has proven highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario.

**Recommendation:**

WHEREAS that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents do not have access to a family doctor and many must travel long distances to access health care services representing the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of physician training at NOSM is a way to encourage more physicians to come and work in Northern communities and care must be taken to encourage newly trained physicians to stay and contribute to the health care crisis in the North;

AND WHEREAS although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario, NOSM has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association requests that the Provincial Government and

the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3, and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Victor Fedeli, The Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Clerks and CAOs of NOMA.

Moved By: Wendy Brunetta

Seconded By: Rick Dumas

CARRIED



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President

Cc: Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities  
Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health  
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade  
Hon. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party  
Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP Party  
Ontario Medical Association  
Northern School of Medicine  
Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association  
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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
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March 11, 2022

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Dear Mr. Lecce:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Resolution Re: Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters – Early Learning and Child Care Plan**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 22, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That Council support the request from the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters and send a letter to the province asking them to support the Early Learning and Child Care Plan whereby the province would enter into an agreement with the federal government to implement this plan and that the letter be circulated to all Niagara municipalities for support.

A copy of the above noted correspondence is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe  
City Clerk

cc: Local Niagara Municipalities



## Memorandum

**To: Members of City Council**  
**From: Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters**  
**Date: February 3, 2022**  
**Re: Recommendation re Early Learning and Child Care Plan**

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At the February 3, 2022 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters, the following motion was passed:

Moved by L. Kleinsmith

Seconded by B. Steele

That the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters requests the Port Colborne City Council send a letter to the province asking them to support the Early Learning and Child Care Plan whereby the province would enter into an agreement with the federal government to implement this plan and that the letter be circulated to all Niagara municipalities for support.

CARRIED.



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March 14, 2022

Ann-Marie Norio  
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**Sent via E-mail:** [Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca)

Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: City of Port Colborne – Support Town of Pelham Re: Acts of Violence,  
Harassment and Intimidation Against Elected Officials and Government  
Employees**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 8, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Pelham regarding Acts of Violence,  
Harassment and Intimidation against elected Officials and Government  
Employees, be supported.

A copy of the Town of Pelham's resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli  
Acting City Clerk

ec: Local Niagara Municipalities

February 23, 2022

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Dear Ms. Nistico-Dunk:

**Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against Elected  
Officials and Government Employees**

At their regular meeting of February 22, 2022 Council of the Town of Pelham received your correspondence, and endorsed the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from the City of St. Catharines regarding Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against Elected Officials and Government Employees, for information;**

**AND THAT the Council for the Town of Pelham endorse and support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines;**

**AND THAT the Town Clerk is hereby directed to circulate a copy of this resolution to the Niagara Region and Local Area Clerks.**

On behalf of Council, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,



Sarah Leah  
Deputy Clerk

HW/jm

cc:

Holly Willford, Town Clerk  
Ann Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region [ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca)  
Area Clerks (via email)



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Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: Standing with People of Ukraine – Motion - Mayor Steele**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 8, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

WHEREAS Ukraine is facing an unprecedented and unjustified attack on their people, their sovereignty, and their territory; and

WHEREAS the actions by Russia are in violation of international law and the UN Charter, and is an attack on democracy and freedom – one that will have catastrophic consequences, putting countless civilian lives at risk; and

WHEREAS The City of Port Colborne stands with the people of Ukraine, Ukrainian communities across Niagara and those around the world in strongly condemning this brazen and unprovoked attack; and

WHEREAS the City stands for pursuing a course of peace and understanding, that relegates war to the past;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Port Colborne show support for the strict sanctions the federal government has imposed on Russia and join the call for immediate cessation of all military activity and instead pursue a diplomatic resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City call on the Federal government to welcome those fleeing the conflict with Ukraine into our country with open arms.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk

ec: Local Niagara Municipalities



## Chair Bradley's statement on the second National Day of Observance for the COVID-19 Pandemic

Today, we acknowledge the second National Day of Observance for the COVID-19 pandemic while we reflect on the residents who have lost their lives, and the profound impacts our region has felt due to the virus.

To date, 519 Niagara residents have lost their lives since the beginning of the pandemic. These people had friends, family and other loved ones who will miss them dearly. Our thoughts and with those who have suffered the most significant losses in the last two years, as well as those who continue to face lasting impacts from COVID-19.

On this second anniversary of the pandemic, we also wish to thank the front line health care workers who continue to make sacrifices in our hospitals and long-term care homes to keep our most vulnerable safe. We also acknowledge the importance of the essential worker, who for the last two years put their own health at risk to ensure our economy could continue to operate. It is my hope that we have learned to never take these individuals for granted as we move forward.

As we are currently seeing rules and mandates eased related to the pandemic, we would be wise to remember that COVID-19 is not yet over. Consider continuing to wear a mask to keep yourself and others safe, choose outdoor activities when they are an option (as opposed to indoors) and practice physical distancing whenever possible. Finally, consider getting your vaccine or booster to help protect yourself and slow the spread of the virus.

While the last two years have been exceptionally challenging for all of us, I believe that we have seen the very best of our community as well. The people of Niagara rose to the occasion and made countless sacrifices to help each other. I am proud of our community and I know that better days are just around the corner.

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**COVID-19 - Get vaccinated** and find public health advice for **residents** and **businesses**.

## Regional Chair Bradley and Niagara's 12 mayors make joint decision to end the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic

Regional Chair Jim Bradley and Niagara's local municipal mayors offer the following joint statement regarding the decision to lift the State of Emergency:

"Effective Tuesday, March 15 at 12:01 a.m., Niagara's municipalities are officially ending the municipal States of Emergency that have been in place since April 3, 2020 as they are no longer necessary.

As the heads of council, we declared the State of Emergency together in an effort to help save lives, protect our hospital system and to underscore the critical nature of the situation. After two years, we are in a significantly different position and appears that it is now the appropriate time to move forward as a community.

As we continue to observe a decrease in cases, hospitalization and loss of life, standing down from our emergency declaration is another way we are learning how to transition to living with and managing COVID-19.

We want to offer a sincere thank you to all Niagara residents who did their part over the last two years to wear masks, follow directions to stay home, limit personal contact and get vaccinated.

We also thank all of our front line health care workers who selflessly made the commitment to serve our community, getting us through exceptionally difficult times. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our essential workers who continued to report to work throughout the pandemic, risking their health to ensure our economy could continue to operate.

We acknowledge that the last two years have been exceptionally challenging for everyone, but the people of Niagara proved time and time again that they are willing to do what is necessary to take care of each other and keep one another safe.

Make no mistake: the sacrifices that you made saved lives and kept people out of the hospital.

As provincial rules continue to ease in the coming weeks, we encourage residents to safely take advantage of all that our communities have to offer. Like most residents, we are relieved to see the progress we have made over the last few weeks and we are ready to move forward in our lives.

Despite this significant progress, it is important to remember that the pandemic is not completely over. Residents are encouraged to consider taking steps to protect themselves and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Some of these steps include getting a third vaccine dose, practicing physical distancing when possible, and participating in outdoor activities, as opposed to indoor, when that is an option.

Residents are also reminded that some COVID-19 protocols may remain in place at certain municipal facilities around the region for the coming weeks as each individual community responds to changing guidelines.”

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