

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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March 23, 2020

By Fax to: 613.941.6900 & Twitter @CanadianPM, @JustinTrudeau

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic

It is trite to repeat the human and financial toll of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Similarly, the commitment of the federal, provincial and municipal governments toward alleviating the suffering of Canadians does not require repeating.

We, at the Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, are proposing what we believe to be a simple but effective solution to facilitate the delivery of our common and shared commitment to the financial and psychological well-being of all Canadians.

Proposal:

1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$ 500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$ 1,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above \$1,000,000.00.

2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$ 10,000,000.00; and
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,000.00 and \$ 50,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00.

3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

Advantages of the Proposal:

1. Quick and timely relief;
2. Direct relief to all Canadian homeowners and the business community;
3. Directly protects Canadians who although may be solvent, are unable to easily meet the financial pressures beyond their personal capacity due to COVID-19;
4. No additional resources required to assess individual need and delivery of the relief;
5. Negligible overhead costs for the disbursement of the relief. In fact, it may cut-down on some of the work for municipal staff; and
6. The financial stimulus received from the federal government will come into circulation immediately and will stay in the community.

There are a multitude of other direct and indirect financial and non-financial benefits that will result from the implementation of this proposal. The biggest non-financial impact is that Canadians will see an immediate financial relief respecting the pressures to make their property tax payments and be better positioned to address other essential needs. In turn, removing this added stress will provide some relief to the already strained financial and health systems.

As you are aware, Canadians are entering this time of crisis with a very high amount of house-hold debt and a great deal of financial fragility. Taking this simple step should alleviate some of those pressures. At the same time, it will keep your municipal governments, and school boards primed for continued productivity and forward momentum to address the fallout from COVID-19.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the Town of Midland



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Mayor
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Amanpreet Singh Sidhu,
Chief Administrative Officer
asidhu@midland.ca

- c: Town of Midland Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Province of Ontario



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

April 23, 2020

The Honourable David Lametti
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

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

The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building, 11th Floor
720 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

**Subject: Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances
Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants**

Dear Minister/Attorney General Lametti, Premier Ford and Attorney General Downey:

At its meeting of April 22, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 5.4(d), which reads as follows:

**5.4 (d) Repeal and Replace Public Nuisance By-law 09-110 and Amend
Administrative Penalty By-law 17-225 (PED20076) (City Wide)**

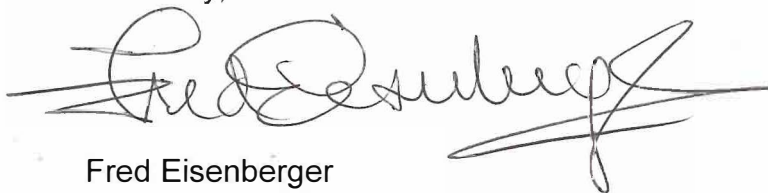
- (a) That the draft by-law, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20076, which repeals and replaces By-law 09-110, being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Certain Public Nuisances within the City of Hamilton, and amends the Administrative Penalties By-law 17-225 which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved and enacted by Council;
- (b) That the Mayor be directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to write to the relevant federal and provincial governments to regulate

and enforce odour and lighting nuisances related to the cultivation of cannabis plants;

- (c) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to request that the Province extend authority to Municipalities to enforce odor and lighting nuisance complaints stemming from licensed and unlicensed cannabis cultivations within the its jurisdiction; and,
- (d) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

We respectfully request your consideration with regard to this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Eisenberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Copied:

The Honourable Filomena Tassi, M.P., Hamilton West, Ancaster, Dundas
Scott Duvall, M.P., Hamilton Mountain
Bob Bratina, M.P., Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
David Sweet, M.P., Flamborough – Glanbrook
Matthew Green, M.P. , Hamilton Centre
Andrea Horwath, Opposition Party Leader, NDP of Ontario, M.P.P Hamilton Centre
Monique Taylor, M.P.P., Hamilton Mountain
Paul Miller, M.P.P., Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
Donna Skelly, M.P.P., Flamborough-Glanbrook
Sandy Shaw, M.P.P. Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities of Ontario



April 27th, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau via email
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Re: Federal Assistance for Municipalities

Dear Prime Minister:

Municipalities across Canada are working hard to respond to the ongoing international crisis. On a day-to-day level, Canadians depend on municipal services including fire and emergency services, essential road maintenance, garbage and recycling, bylaw enforcement, and building permits. However, municipalities need help from our federal partners to deliver these services while also supporting their residents.

At the Regular Meeting of April 21st, 2020, the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following motion:

MOVED BY: J. Carroll
SECONDED BY: I. Streight

RESOLUTION NO: 88-2020
DATE: April 21, 2020

That the Township of Montague supports the proposal in principle from the Town of Midland, for the federal government to provide grant funding municipalities to forgive tax payments.

And that the motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario; local MPs and MPPs and AMO

CARRIED

Please find the attached letter from the Town of Midland detailing a potential funding arrangement. The Township of Montague supports this, or the proposed funding arrangement recommended by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities through the Gas Tax Fund, also attached.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph
Clerk Administrator

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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May 15, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special electronic meeting held on May 11, 2020, passed the following resolution regarding financial support for municipalities:

“WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented public health and economic challenges which have prompted municipalities across Canada to take extraordinary measures to support residents and businesses during this difficult time; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities released a report on April 23, 2020 titled “Protecting Vital Municipal Services” which projected that municipalities are facing \$10-\$15 billion in non-recoverable losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener is projecting a significant deficit in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has requested at least \$10 billion in emergency federal funding for municipalities to assist with the financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS funding from the federal government, either through this program or otherwise, would significantly mitigate the financial pressures municipalities are facing as a result of the ongoing pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Kitchener supports the proposal from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for immediate financial assistance from the federal government to assist municipalities in managing the financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister; the Federal Members of Parliament representing the City of Kitchener; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and all area municipalities within Waterloo Region.”

Yours truly,



J. Bunn
Manager, Council & Committee Services/
Deputy City Clerk

- c. Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
Honourable M. Tabbara, M.P.
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Bill Karsten, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Ashley Sage, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries
Danielle Manton, City Clerk, City of Cambridge
Dawn Mittelholtz, Director of Information and Legislative Services /
Municipal Clerk, Township of Wilmot
Grace Kosch, Clerk, Township of Wellesley
Olga Smith, City Clerk, City of Waterloo
Val Hummel, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Woolwich

Date: 05/22/2020 **Internal Memo #: IM20-015(CD)**

To: Mayor & Council

Circulated to: Communications

Department: Community Development

Division: Parks, Recreation and Culture

From: Lisa Whelan

Subject: Canada Day

Comments

Cambridge Celebrates Canada Day is an annual event planned by a volunteer committee with the support of the City of Cambridge each year. The Canada Day Committee is planning a virtual event for 2020 due to COVID-19. To complement the committee work, city staff will incorporate the toolkit provided by Canadian Heritage into the event including promotion that 2020 is the 40th anniversary of the national anthem.

The City of Waterloo is planning a virtual event that will feature local musicians and artists. The City of Kitchener is continuing to plan an in-person event that will include live musical performances and live fireworks. Kitchener has until three weeks prior to the event to cancel the in-person event. It is not known if a virtual event is being planned.

The City of Cambridge has become known as a city that hosts great festivals and events. The event committee hopes to bring joy to Cambridge residents during a time of uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attachments

- Appendix A - Pixels and Coffee Production Proposal

Canada Day 2020

Cambridge Celebration.

The pandemic has put the kibosh on our traditional outdoor festivities, so to mark Canada's birthday 'Cambridge style' we're producing a 35 – 45 minute online community party streamed right into living rooms everywhere!



Streaming platforms

We suggest streaming the production in as many ways as possible. These include City web site, Facebook, IGTV, Youtube and various other platforms.





All about Community

The central idea is to highlight the faces of our community. We'll (carefully) go out and meet the people as well as having the people come to us by sending in their own content.

Host:

Show is hosted by a known Waterloo-Region entertainer/personality such as:

- Cabbie – TSN Personality
- Rob Bebenek – Standup comic
- Christel Bartelse – actress/performer
- Justin Beiber – We don't need to tell you what he does.



Show Elements

1. Citizen Generated Content – we reach out to the town's folk with specific requests and they send in content.
2. Music – Local musicians will do acoustic songs for the special.
3. Animation - We'll produce short funny sketches entitled – “Where’s the party?”
4. Greetings and Interviews – dignitaries, business leaders, celebrities and regular folks will pass on their best wishes for a happy birthday to all – and boy do we need it!



O' Canada

As in the good ol' days of past we're aiming to have Cambridge sing O'Canada together. This time it will be virtual. We'll do a call out for people to record themselves singing the national anthem and we'll stitch it into a work of sheer magic.

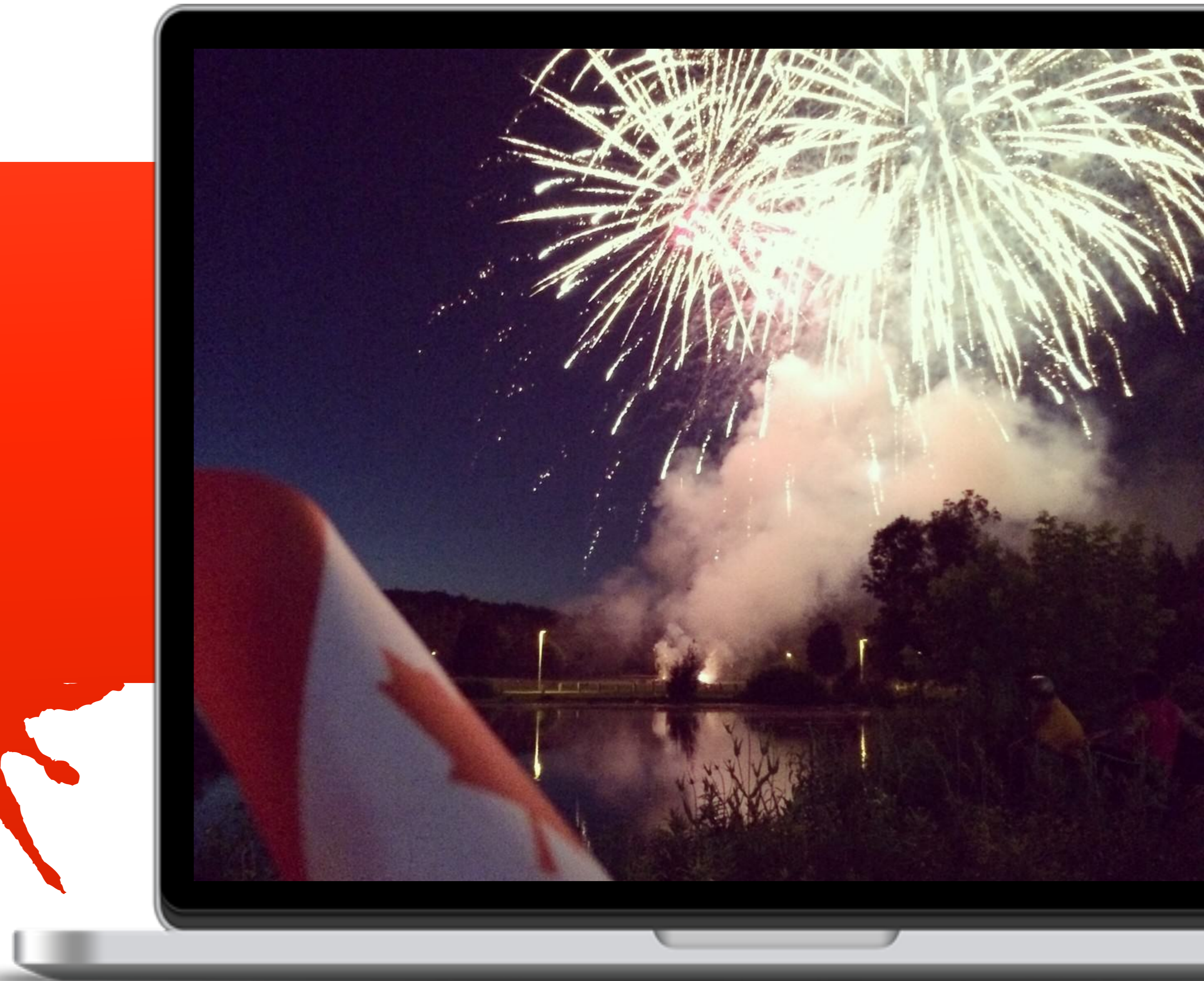
This is an example of what we envision:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dpw9o2MsjY8&list=RDDpw9o2MsjY8&start_radio=1&t=178



FIREWORKS!

What would Canada Day be without Fireworks – well we're not about to find out so we're having a virtual Fireworks display over the skyline of Cambridge. Take that Covid-19!



Run Down

This is the proposed running order for the special. Of course things may change once we actually start to record items and receive submissions.

1	Opening - Graphic element opening to music.	00:20	00:20
2	Host Intro – welcome to the show!	01:30	01:50
3	Citizen Gen 1 – Who’s your hero?	02:00	03:50
4	Dignitary Package 1 – Mayor/MPs	03:00	06:50
5	Animation 1 – Riverside park – “Hey where is everyone?”	00:30	07:20
6	Host throws to -	00:20	07:40
7	Entertainment Pkg 1: TBA -	03:30	11:10
8	Host throws to -	00:15	11:25
9	Streeter Package 1 – How are you spending C Day?	02:00	13:25
10	Animation 2 – Preston – “Where’s the parade?”	00:20	13:45
11	Citizen Gen 2 – What did Canada Day look like in years past?	02:00	15:45
12	Host throws to -	00:15	16:00
13	Dignitary Package 2 – MPPs/Councilors/Chiefs	02:30	18:30
14	Entertainment Pkg 2: TBA	03:30	22:00
15	Animation 3 – Hespeler – “It’s quiet here to, too quiet”.	00:20	22:20
16	Host throws to -	00:15	22:35
17	Streeter Package 2 – Canada/Cambridge Trivia Questions	02:00	24:35
18	Entertainment Pkg 3: TBA	03:30	28:05
19	Citizen Gen 3 – Great Canada Day Birthday Cake bake off - contest	02:30	30:05
20	Animation 4 – Galt – “We figured it all out, the party is at home”.	00:30	30:35
21	Dignitary Package 3 – Shout outs from various community members/celebrities etc.	02:30	33:05
22	Host wraps day	02:00	35:05
23	User Generated O’Canada	01:30	36:35
24	Fireworks display	07:25	44:00
25	Credits – over fireworks	01:00	45:00

Logo

We'd like to refresh the logo for two principle reasons:

1. We can include the words "At home" indicating the big change for this year.
 2. It gives us elements to use throughout the show including the opening and transitions.
- Here are some design ideas -



Thank you very much.



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MEDIA INC



Meeting no. 20-06

Resolution no. 20-76

Date: May 25, 2020

Moved by: Steve Brousseau

Seconded by: Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports motion 20-060 made by the Cambridge City Council asking the Province of Ontario to provide the funding required to establish and make additional detox and rehabilitation programs accessible throughout the province, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Cambridge and to our federal and provincial Parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourguin.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Mayor, Marc Dupuis
President Officer

Recorded Vote
(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk