

# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

**September 3, 2021**

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**Date:** 09/03/2021 **Internal Memo #: IM21-020(CD)**

**To:** Council

**Circulated to:** Lesley Head, Director of Recreation & Culture

**Department:** Community Development

**Division:** Recreation and Culture

**From:** Rachel Fraser, Manager of Recreation, Culture and Sport

**Subject:** Winter/Spring Highlights of Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations Pandemic Programming

### Comments

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Throughout the pandemic, the Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations (CNOs) have offered safe, flexible and creative means by which our residents could continue to remain connected while physically distancing. With a range of virtual connections – including craft kits, at-home activity challenges and food truck frenzies – our CNOs have rallied to reduce the isolation that individuals and families have felt during the last year.

Attached is program information from each of the eight Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations for information.

### Attachments

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Winter and Spring 2021 Highlights From:

- Alison Neighbourhood Community Centre
- Fiddlesticks Community Centre
- Greenway Chaplin Community Centre
- Grow-Langs Community Centre
- Hespeler Community Centre
- Kinbridge Community Association
- Preston Heights Community Centre
- Silverheights Neighbourhood Association

#### Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor       Deputy City Manager       City Manager

# Winter & Spring 2021 Highlights!



[www.alisonneighbourhood.org](http://www.alisonneighbourhood.org)

## Recreational Programs

- After School Club
- Crazy Science Workshops
- Intro to Coding with Scratch

**INTRO TO CODING WITH SCRATCH**  
Sign Up Online, \$10 for all 2 workshops  
Email Ashley for more information.

**EXPLORING SCIENCE WORKSHOP!**  
FUN VIRTUAL EXPERIMENTS!  
Be your own scientist and learn new things while conducting cool experiments.

**MARCH 17TH & 20TH**  
Participate in 2 days of fun, March 17th at 6:30pm and March 20th at 11:00am.  
Workshops aimed for ages 6 to 8 years.

**SIGN UP ONLINE**  
\$15 for both workshops.  
Email Ashley for more info.

**Ages: 6 - 8**  
Workshops Saturday 11 am - 12pm  
April 3rd, 10th, & 17th

**Make Your Own Video Game!**  
Become a Coder by learning the program Scratch to create dozens of your favourite games.

**Ages: 9 - 12**  
Workshops, Thursdays at 6pm - 7pm  
April 1st, 8th, & 15th

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**  
ALISON NEIGHBOURHOOD C.C.  
5:00 - 8:00

Spring is in the Air!  
What Better Way to Celebrate then with a Spring Starter Kit!  
Cost: Free  
Email: Jessica @ jessica@alisonneighbourhood.org to sign up for your kit today!  
Registration Opens: Today!  
Registration Closes: April 2nd  
Such as: Chalk, Seeds and Pots, Skipping Rope AND MORE!

**VALENTINES DAY CANDY GRAMS**

## Community Engagement

- Mothers Day Baskets
- Candy Grams
- Food Truck Nights
- Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Spring Starter Kits

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Board of Directors

**Contact Us:**

519-620-1867

[ancc@alisonneighbourhood.org](mailto:ancc@alisonneighbourhood.org)

## Virtual Programs

2 Family Trivia Nights & LEAD

**Family Trivia Night!**  
Put your knowledge to the test.  
Win prizes for your whole family!

FRIDAY APRIL 30TH 7:00PM • ON ZOOM

Alison Neighbourhood community centre



# OUR COVID PIVOT

## MOVE TO OUTDOOR RECREATION!!!

- 2020 SUMMER CAMP
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- OUTDOOR KARATE AND LINE DANCE
- POP UP PARKS
- CANADA DAY FLAG DELIVERY
- FLYNN MASCOT SPARKING JOY ON WEEKLY COMMUNITY WALKS
- FLYNN DRIVEWAY BIRTHDAY SONG AND DANCE
- COMMUNITY ICE RINK
- BUSY BEE ACTIVITY BAGS
- WHEELIN WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS
- CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA
- CHRISTMAS AND SPRING CURB SIDE FUN BOX
- OVER 9600 VISITS



## VIRTUAL PIVOT

- HOLIDAY HOUSE COMPETION
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
- FAMILY TRIVIA
- CHILDREN'S STORY TIME
- COOKING WITH KARMEN
- VIRTUAL STAFF TRAINING
- ASSISTING PUBLIC HEALTH WITH VACCINE BOOKINGS



**Harry Potter Trivia Night!**

Join Treble and Pins at 6pm Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> for some Harry Potter trivia.

Watch our live video while filling out a Google Form to play along!

Prize for the winner, so brush up on your Harry Potter knowledge!

All ages welcome with parent permission!

# Winter & Spring 2021 Updates



[www.greenwaychaplin.com](http://www.greenwaychaplin.com)



## Recreation Programs

- Girls Club on Zoom
- Arts Club on Zoom
- Youth Drop-In on Discord

## Virtual Events

- Family Trivia Night live on Facebook
- Walking Wednesdays exploring our neighbourhood
- Virtual Art Show (participants from across the City of Cambridge and beyond)



## Community Engagement

- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Street Ambassadors
  - Board of Directors
- Stay connected - join our e-newsletter list at [www.greenwaychaplin.com](http://www.greenwaychaplin.com)
- 519-623-4220 or [info@greenwaychaplin.com](mailto:info@greenwaychaplin.com)

# 2021



# Winter and Spring UPDATES



@LangsCommunity | @GrowCommunityCentre

@growcommunitycentre | @langsyouth

@LangsCommunity



**192**  
KITCHEN  
KREATIONS  
MEALS FOR  
YOUTH &  
FAMILIES

**209**  
STEAM AT HOME  
PROGRAM  
VISITS

**123** GIRLS GROUP  
PROGRAM  
VISITS  
**65** OLDER ADULT/  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**LANGS**

**GROW**

**52** SPRING BREAK  
PROGRAM VISITS

**11** VIRTUAL  
YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS

**ACROSS BOTH SITES**

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



### SHUBHAM PATEL

Shubham Patel has been a volunteer with Langs since December 2020. He works alongside staff to deliver virtual programs such as Kitchen Creations and STEAM at Home. Shubham is also an active member of the Youth Council (YTCYC). During his time with Langs his responsibilities include: creating video content for social media and YouTube, program assistance, planning activity booklets and more!

In 2020, with the introduction of the pandemic, many volunteers took a step back from their work but this did not deter Bruce from continuing his involvement and commitment to our clients. With the support of Langs staff member, Tammy Saunders, Bruce received paperwork and successfully completed their income taxes on time.

### BRUCE CORNFIELD



## HIGH FIVE CHAMPION



### EMMA BUTLER

Emma is a Peer Worker at Grow Community Centre and helps with our After-school program. Emma has gone above and beyond for our participants; showing empathy, support and care for all our participants.

**2nd High Five  
Accreditation  
Verification in  
the Fall!**

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Summer camps will be held in person again this year at Langs and Grow Community Centre, with increased participants and adhering to Provincial safety guidelines. We are planning for the phased in return of in-person programs in the Fall and Winter, in accordance with Provincial guidelines.



# Hespeler Village Neighbourhood Association

**We've moved!**

For decades, HVNA hosted programs from St. Luke's Church. With the redevelopment taking place, HVNA relocated to another familiar space for our community, Hespeler Arena's Beehive Hall. Despite the challenges this past year has brought, HVNA can confidently share that this space is more accessible, inclusive and in the heart of the community we serve. Along with our move, we've updated our logo and website, hvna.ca

## Volunteer

HVNA continues to be supported by a strong group of Volunteers and Board Of Directors. We've pivoted and now engage with our youth volunteers through google classroom and in person support when permitted to do so.

## Programs

If restrictions permitted, HVNA eagerly hosted programs. When it was safest to remain at home, HVNA pivoted and hosted After School Program, Kinder Kids and adult fitness virtually.



## Special Events

HVNA missed hosting our large scale special events such as the annual Hespeler Harvest Festival and Neighbourhood Day. HVNA succeeded in weekly pop up plays such as our Bike Rodeo. Our Pop Up Plays were small scale, limiting participants to 25 at one time. Pop ups served many families as a safe means of a socially distanced events and skill building activities.

## Social Media

When it was safest to keep our distance HVNA turned to social media as a means to stay connected within our community. Through efforts such as the 12 Days of Giveaways, we not only highlighted local businesses and artisans, but have grown our social media following by 100%.



Since May 2020 HVNA has distributed more than 4000 Busy Bee Bag (Curbside activity kits)

Hespeler Canada Sign sparks pride during uncertain times. Currently distributing our 3rd edition - 3000+ in Hespeler



**Hespeler Village**  
Neighbourhood Association

# KINBRIDGE Highlights

## Winter & Spring 2021



### RECREATION PROGRAMS

- Time To Get Moving
- Art in a Box
- Homework Buddies and Study Space
- Games Night
- Family Bingo Nights
- Fun With Kiwi - Craft Tutorials



### PEER PROGRAMS

- Picante - Facebook Cooking Video Series
- Fun, Food and Friends Healthy Eating and Walking Group
- Coffee, Tea and Taking Care of Me - Sun Safety



### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- YouthForce
- Leaders In Training
- Growing Together - Cambridge Newcomer Outreach Program
- Zoom Workshop Training for Peer Health Workers



### CELEBRATIONS

- Breakfast with Santa
- Mother's Day Stuffie Gifts
- Black Girl Excellence: Who We Are

Stay connected with us!  
Follow our social media, sign up for our newsletter  
and visit [www.kinbridge.ca](http://www.kinbridge.ca)



# Whats Happening At PHCG



## Summer 2021: Programs

### Steam:

PHCG is excited to be offering STEAM based programing for the first time to our participants this summer. Participants will garner knowledge and skills in a fun an innovative manner

### Active Parks:

PHCG is partnering with Recess Guardians to provide recreation interactive programing this summer for our youth in Preston Heights. As part of attending this program youth will be given recreation program challenge boxes which was created by Recess Guardians to stay active even when at home.

## Summer 2021 Community Engagement



### We Are Preston Community Pride Video:

As we move forward PHCG has recognized and put a focus on post COVID -19 Community Development. It is with this lens PHCG will be creating a community focused video around community pride where members within our community will be interviewed and speak about the pride of being a part of their community.



### Community Cuts:

PHCG is proud to be connecting community members with local barbers for a program called Community Cuts where members of the community will be able to get a haircut by a local barber free of charge to the community resident. This program was developed to further develop community relationships with our residents and local businesses.

## Fall 2021 New Program

### Fall 2021:

PHCG will be partnering with Recess Guardians this fall around a program called Black Leaders Of Tomorrow that will provide participants the opportunity to meet, learn and connect with leaders of black owned businesses and entrepreneurs in the city of Cambridge. This program will be carried out through three agencies PHCG, SNA and GCCC.





**SILVERHEIGHTS**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Working together to  
create a great community**

### **SNA's Updates For the Winter/Spring Seasons**

**SNA's focus for the last 5 months has been to connect and engage with our residents while following all COVID rules and guidelines.**

#### **For Recreation**

(which was done through Facebook, You Tube, Zoom and our Newsletters)

- Continued our Boredom Busters
- After school programming with themed days, Moving Mondays, Treat Tuesdays, Wild art Wednesdays and Thinking/Theatrical Thursdays.
- Continued our Lego Challenges
- Handed out 50 SNA Activity Kits when COVID rules allowed

#### **For Virtual Events**

- Held a virtual Family Day event. 16 families took part in our Hands on Exotics animal show through zoom on Family Day weekend
- SNA Acts of Kindness days
- 100 Hours Outdoors Challenge
- Weekend Challenges to stay motivated, active and go outdoors
- Spring Break Challenges and Outdoor Scavenger Hunts

#### **Overall Engagement**

During this time we have also:

- Increased our social medial engagement by 63%
- Increased our social media followers by 116 people
- Increased our open rate and engagement rate on our e-newsletter by 23%

**Stay Connected- join our e-newsletter at  
[www.silverheightsneighbourhood.com](http://www.silverheightsneighbourhood.com)**

August 25, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
Patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca

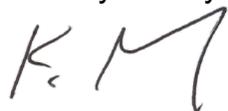
Dear Honourable Patty Hajdu:

**Re: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Please be advised that at the meeting held on July 26, 2021, the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee adopted the following resolution of support:  
RESOLUTION #351/21: Richardson, Kaiser

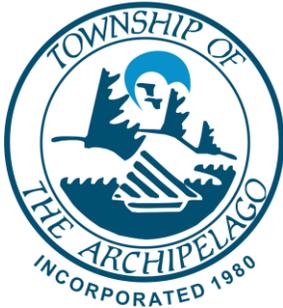
That the correspondence from Scott Aitchison, Township of The Archipelago re: Support for 988 Crisis Line, dated June 18, 2021, and from Adjala- Tosorontio re: Support for 3-digit suicide & crisis hotline, dated June 21, 2021, and from Adelaide Metcalfe re: Supports Owen Sound 988 Suicide Crisis Hotline dated July 12, 2021, be received; And further, That Council direct Staff to provide letters of support to pertinent Ministers and agencies involved. CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Katy Macpherson  
Legal Services Coordinator

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



## Township of The Archipelago

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June 18, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Mead  
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

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**RE: Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka – Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line**

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National 3-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

**WHEREAS** the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

**WHEREAS** existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

**WHEREAS** in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities and local First Nations.

**Carried.**

June 21, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

**Re: Support for 988 – 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Adjala-Tosorontio, at its meeting held Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

***RES-167-2021***

*Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;*

*Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;*

*Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;*

*Now there for be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;*

*And that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, MP Terry Dowdall, Simcoe-Grey, MP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey, Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO-Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.*

Sincerely,

*Dianne Gould-Brown*

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO  
Clerk





**TOWNSHIP OF ADELAIDE METCALFE**

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July 12, 2021

City of Owen Sound  
808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East  
Owen Sound, ON  
N4K 2H4

**ATTENTION: JAMIE ECKENSWILLER, DEPUTY CLERK**

**RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – ENDORSEMENT OF 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION  
HOTLINE INITIATIVE**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of June 21, 2021, supported your resolution and the following was passed.

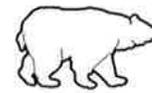
**THAT Council support the City of Owen Sound's endorsement of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative.**

**CARRIED.**

Kind regards,

Morgan Calvert  
CAO/Acting Clerk





“Via Email: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)”

June 24th, 2021

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**Re: Motion to Include the PSA Test for Men into the Medical Care**

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**“Resolution No. 182-2021**

**Moved By: Robert Hutchinson**

**Seconded By: Daniel Belisle**

**WHEREAS** the male population has been made to pay for prostate blood test and whereas 11 Canadian men will die of prostate cancer every day and

**WHEREAS** 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing and

**WHEREAS** prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and

**WHEREAS** when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% and detected late 3 of 4 men will be lost and

**WHEREAS** men who wish to have this test done have to pay \$33.00 for the test

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**THEREFORE** I Robert Hutchinson move that both the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have this test included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge and further that the Government make every effort to have this become a reality sooner than later as stated above every day that goes by another 11 men will die of this avoidable disease and

**FURTHERMORE** that this motion be distributed to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health (Canada) Honourable Patty Hajdu, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) Honourable Christine Elliott, all municipalities, and all First Nation Communities .

**Carried”**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours Truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**



Alice Mercier  
Clerk

/am

c.c.: Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario,  
Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada)  
Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario)  
All Municipalities  
All First Nation Communities



Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2  
(via e-mail) [Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Francois—Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry  
[Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca)

August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

Attention: Prime Minister Trudeau

**Re: Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet**

Please be advised that on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (attached) requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments support affordable internet for all Canadians.

**Motion 12**

*Moved by Muriel Wright, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Council supports correspondence item 'f' from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Affordable Internet'*

**Motion Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
[ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca)

Cc: (via e-mail)

- Hon. Minister Steve Clark
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Bob Bailey, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Marilyn Gladu, MP, Sarnia-Lambton
- All Ontario Municipalities
- Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Lianne Rood, MP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex

August 11, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
[Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Federal Cabinet  
Via email to each Minister

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry  
[Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on August 9, 2021 passed the attached resolution.

Internet is a necessity, not a luxury for the vast majority of Canadians – a fact that has been highlighted throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite being an essential utility, too many people are struggling to afford reliable internet services, while some don't have access to broadband internet at all. Ontario residents, and Canadians from coast to coast to coast, should never have to choose between paying their internet bill and other essentials such as food, medication, or housing expenses.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) arbitrarily reversed its 2019 Rates Order concerning wholesale internet rates charged by Canada's largest carriers to smaller companies. This decision was devastating for consumers as it effectively guarantees internet prices will continue to rise despite the fact that Canadians already pay some of the highest internet prices in the world. Additionally, this decision directly impacts many smaller internet service providers (ISPs) and threatens hundreds of well-paying jobs and tens of millions in investments that would benefit communities in Ontario.

Issued in August of 2019, the CRTC's 2019 Rates Order confirmed the large carriers [systematically broke](#) rate-setting rules to grossly inflate their costs of providing network access. The CRTC set new rates and ordered the large carriers to repay amounts they overcharged competitors during its proceeding. The 2019 Rates Order was based on a rigorous, evidence-based, 4-year long regulatory process. It was upheld on appeals by the Federal Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Federal Cabinet and was widely expected to be implemented this year. Instead, the CRTC arbitrarily and completely reversed the 2019 Rates Order, a decision that harms competition, reduces customer choice, and ignores the real and urgent need for affordable internet in Canada.

Not only do rural and remote communities continue to struggle to gain access to affordable broadband internet, the digital divide and lack of affordability remain an issue across all communities in Ontario, and Canada. For example, [a recent report by the Brookfield Institute at Ryerson University](#) found that more than a third of households in Toronto are worried about paying their home internet bills over the next few months. More than half of the city's low-income households also have download speeds below the national target of 50 megabits per second. Many rural and remote communities don't have access to broadband, or any internet services, at all. This would be problematic in the best of times, but is even more so now as the pandemic has made high-speed, affordable internet a necessity for education, work, and health care.

[A 2020 price study prepared by Wall Communications Inc.](#) for ISED found that internet prices increased across all service baskets over 2019, making Canada an international outlier among its peer countries. Without intervention from the federal government, who in 2019 promised to reduce internet prices for all Canadians, there is no doubt that this trend will continue.

The Federal Cabinet must overturn the decision now to ensure that affordable internet becomes a reality, not just an ideal. We are sharing this letter and Council resolution with representatives of, and leaders in, communities across Canada. We urge you and them to make this important issue your own, as it directly affects the people in their regions, and across Canada. As you all know, internet is now a necessary utility to all Canadians similar to gas, hydro, water and electricity. The CRTC decision has impacted over 1,200 small ISP's across Canada, thousands of jobs in your communities and negatively impacts millions of Canadians ability to receive affordable internet.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this critical issue with you at your earliest convenience, and to work together in making our concerns heard in support of affordable internet for all.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Attachment: Council Resolution Supporting Affordable Internet

C: (via email)  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington  
Lianne Rood, MP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
Rick Nicholls, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington  
Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Whereas** internet connectivity is a basic necessity and essential utility for the vast majority of Canadians;

**Whereas** too many Canadians struggle to afford reliable, high-speed internet services, or do not have access to broadband internet at all;

**Whereas** the need for high-speed and affordable internet is always critical, but is even more so now as the COVID-19 pandemic has shown it is required for education, work, and health care;

**Whereas** independent studies have consistently shown that Canadians pay some of the highest prices for internet in the world and that internet prices have increased year over year;

**Whereas** the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) 2019 Rates Order set wholesale internet prices that would facilitate greater competition and promote innovative broadband services and more affordable prices for consumers;

**Whereas** the 2019 Rates Order was based on a rigorous, evidence-based, 4-year long regulatory process, and was upheld on appeal by unanimous decision of the Federal Court of Appeal, while the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Cabinet declined to review it;

**Whereas** on May 27, 2021, the CRTC decided to reverse its 2019 Rates Order, effectively guaranteeing that internet prices will continue to rise for consumers;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Municipality of Chatham-Kent call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC's reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.

**Be it further resolved that** the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Industry, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all 444 Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be sent correspondence of Council's resolution along with the attached letter.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

August 20, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on August 13, 2021, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 21-012 which reads as follows:

**13. Noise Concerns and Request for Expiry of Extended Construction Hours**

WHEREAS, municipalities have the authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001* to pass a Noise By-law to regulate and prohibit with respect to noise;

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government sought to accelerate construction projects in municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Ontario government passed O.Reg 131/20, under the *Municipal Act, 2001* ("O.Reg 131/20") allowing for extended construction hours for projects associated with the healthcare sector to 24 hours a day and any other construction activity in a municipality between the hours of 6am and 10pm;

WHEREAS, O.Reg 131/20 limits a municipality's authority and enforcement through Section 451.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* from prohibiting and regulating noise with respect to after-hour noise from construction sites;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in complaints as a result of after-hour noise caused by construction sites impacting the quiet enjoyment of the residents of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, O.Reg 131/20 is set to expire on October 7, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province to promptly expediate the expiry of O.Reg 131/20, the COVID exemption for after-hours noise from construction sites.

- (b) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Parliament to request that the Province not make the temporary regulations of O.Reg 131/20, or any similar restrictions, permanent through an amendment to the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- (c) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C21-014 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor

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- c.c. Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition, MPP, Hamilton Centre
- Hon. Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough-Glanbrook
- Hon. Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
- Hon. Monique Taylor, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
- Hon. Sandy Shaw, MPP, Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- All Ontario Municipalities (by email)