June 24, 2020

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Long Term Care Home Improvements

At its meeting held on June 22, 2020, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird with respect to the conditions in Long Term Care homes exposed by the pandemic:

That due to the deplorable conditions exposed by the pandemic in LTC homes in the province, and because this is a time for action, not just continuous streams of investigations, commissions and committees, and because the problems have been clearly identified, that Sarnia City Council direct staff to send this motion to the 444 Ontario Municipalities, asking them to urge Premier Ford to start implementing the required resolutions immediately, as follows:

1. increasing hours for all part-time and casual labour

2. since the government provides funding for privately-operated homes, they have an obligation to inspect these homes and see that they are being properly run, and that funds are being used for the benefit of the residents and not the huge profitability of the operators, and

3. to end the neglect and unacceptable conditions being experienced, each day, by our vulnerable seniors.

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution. If your municipal council endorses this resolution, we would request that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the following:
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and

City of Sarnia, City Clerk’s Office
clerks@sarnia.ca

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown
City Clerk

cc: AMO