

File: A-2100

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DELIVERED BY EMAIL

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
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The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
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Re: COVID-19 Funding

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of June 22, 2020 and adopted the following recommendation:

“Whereas on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization and the Canadian Government declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas on March 12, Ontario ordered schools closed and by March 17, began a more extensive shut down; and,

Whereas the pandemic has led to the closure of public spaces and the cancellation of events around the world throughout the country our province and right here within our own community, causing great stress on the arts sector; and,

Whereas local cultural organizations such as the Oshawa Folk Arts Council representing over 13 member clubs and organizations, as well as the many local service groups such as the Oshawa Rotary Club, have all been forced to cancel major events (i.e. Fiesta Week; Rib Fest; etc.) which historically contribute in large part to the fundraising and operational financing efforts of these sociocultural entities; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for the Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the sector; and,

Whereas at present, the Canada Council's for the arts priorities as are our collective governing priorities are to ensure the health and safety of people across Canada and around the world and to work towards the sustainability and recoverability of the arts sector; and,

Whereas a significant period has past without further indication as to what tools, funding measures, or financial support our local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations can readily access to help support their operating costs and programming,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mention groups through these trying times inflected on them by the affects of COVID-19; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, all Members of Provincial Parliament, all Members of Parliament and Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities."

Oshawa City Council respectfully requests your consideration of the above noted matters.

If you need further assistance concerning this matter, please contact Ron Diskey, Commissioner, Community Services Department at the address listed on Page 1 or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

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- c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities