

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 6.1
Number: 20-21-
Title: Motion regarding the Closure of the Land Registry Offices
Date: 09/22/2020

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services announced that effective October 13, 2020 the Province of Ontario will be discontinuing land registration counter services currently delivered at all 54 Land Registry Offices;

AND WHEREAS Land Registry Offices register and store public documents including deeds, mortgages, discharges, land surveys and parcel abstracts;

AND WHEREAS many members of the public, including property appraisers, environmental engineers, journalists, historians and genealogists access the records of the Land Registry Office;

AND WHEREAS the closure of the Land Registry Offices to the public means that the ROSCO computer system that can search current Teraview documents and perform searches of writs of execution will no longer be available to the public;

AND WHEREAS the public will no longer be permitted access to either search historical documents or to register paper documents in person;

AND WHEREAS some of the documents available at the Registry Offices, like abstracts, cannot be accessed online, while other documents, although copied digitally, are either illegible or difficult to read;

AND WHEREAS the only access will be online which is of particular concern to residents of rural communities many of whom do not have access to high-speed or consistent internet;

AND WHEREAS the Land Registry Office for the County of Bruce is located in Municipality of Brockton;

AND WHEREAS the closure of the local Land Registry Offices and resulting centralization represents another loss of service to the rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Brockton respectfully request the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services keep the Land Registry Offices open to the public;

And Further That the Council for the Municipality of Brockton encourages all Ontario Municipalities to pass a resolution to keep the Land Registry Offices open to the public;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to MPP Lisa Thompson and MPP Bill Walker, Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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Mayor - Chris Peabody