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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

May 28, 2020

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Re: Essential Workers Day – March 17

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held May 26, 2020 adopted the following:

10.1 Essential Workers Day – Councillor Wall

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community; and

WHEREAS essential workers across the country are risking their lives; and

WHEREAS some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service; and

WHEREAS without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function; and

WHEREAS our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

A. THAT March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brantford to be Essential Workers Day in the City of Brantford; and

B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Will Bouma and MP Phil McColeman to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

C. THAT all municipalities across Ontario and Canada BE INVITED to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, LUMCO, FCM, and ROMA for that purpose.



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cc All Ontario municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)