



August 14, 2020

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- and to -

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Dear Ms. Damphouse and Dr. Ahmed,

Re: Request for more detailed information and data regarding the spread of COVID-19 in  
Essex County

At its regular council meeting of August 4, 2020, Council reviewed the attached  
correspondence from the Town of Kingsville. As a result of that review the follow resolution  
was passed,

R20-07-273

Moved By Councillor Bondy

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** correspondence from the Town of Kingsville, dated July 31, 2020 to the  
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Directors and the Medical Officer of  
Health, Dr. Wajid Ahmed, requesting more detailed information and data regarding  
the spread of COVID-19, be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of  
Directors and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wajid Ahmed and a copy of the  
correspondence to be sent to all local municipalities.

**Carried**



The Town of Essex strongly supports the provision of more detailed information and data regarding the spread of Covid-19 which will allow municipalities and the public to make informed decisions on protecting their health.

In particular what is required is more granular information that allows the public to note positive cases by neighborhood not just at the Municipal level. To receive this more detailed information on a timelier and even daily basis if possible will better equip the public and their municipalities to evaluate health risks, identify potential hot zones and plan and use precious taxpayer/municipal resources more efficiently.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Auger".

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July 31, 2020

Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

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Attention: Lee Anne Damphouse, Executive Assistant to the Medical  
Officer of Health, CEO, and Board of Health [ldamphouse@wechu.org](mailto:ldamphouse@wechu.org)

-And To-

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

1005 Ouellette Avenue

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Attention: Dr. Wajid Ahmed, Medical Officer of Health [ldamphouse@wechu.org](mailto:ldamphouse@wechu.org)

Dear Ms. Damphouse and Dr. Ahmed:

**RE: Request for more detailed information and data regarding the spread  
of COVID-19 in Essex County**

As its Regular Meeting held July 27, 2020, the Town of Kingsville Council passed  
the following Resolution:

**461-2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Kimberly DeYong

**Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

WHEREAS to manage municipal services, municipalities require daily data on COVID-  
19 cases broken down by all acquisitions i.e. close contact, Agri-farm, Long Term  
Care Home/Retirement Home, Travel, hot zones and outbreaks (historical and  
current);

AND WHEREAS in reviewing other regions such as Durham, Hamilton, Peel, and  
Toronto, they provide an interactive website that allows the public to drill down to not  
only the municipality level but to the neighbourhoods;

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AND WHEREAS our Health Unit uses static reporting on a weekly basis with a municipal breakdown using percentages of region and this provides no granularity to allow the public and municipalities to evaluate health risks, openings, potential hot zones, and effectiveness of measures put in place to help control the spread;

AND WHEREAS as a municipality, our public needs to see the municipality and neighbourhood data trending over time from the beginning of the pandemic to help show our progress but also to allow us to evaluate future outbreaks and react based on the raw data;

AND WHEREAS the health units are mandated to provide transparency and there should be no privacy concerns as can be seen using municipality and neighbourhood data in other regions;

AND WHEREAS as the Town approaches the move to Stage 3 and beyond, municipality and neighbourhood data will allow our Council and the public to be informed and make decisions on protecting health and supporting our way to a successful reopening of our region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration send a letter to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Directors and Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wajid Ahmed, requesting more detailed information and data regarding the spread of COVID-19, with a copy of such letter to be sent to the MPPs of Kingsville and Leamington.

**CARRIED**

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions or require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



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