

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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August 27, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Sent via E-mail: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: City of Stratford Resolution – Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

Please be advised that, at its meeting of August 23, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding the Phase Out of Ontario's Gas Plants, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

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MPP Jeff Burch
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July 23, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution to Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

At their June 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution petitioning the provincial government to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon-based sustainable alternatives.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Clerk

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cc: MPP Randy Pettapiece
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

Resolution: Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

WHEREAS the Earth is on course toward a climate crisis, unless timely actions are taken to minimize the greenhouse effect;

AND WHEREAS the use of fossil fuels is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect because of the increasing amount of heat trapping Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere;

AND WHEREAS Stratford, along with other municipalities has declared a "Climate Emergency" and is considering a Carbon Net Zero goal to be achieved by 2050;

AND WHEREAS the 2050 Carbon Net Zero goal has been, and is being adopted by countries and governments at all levels, as well as by industries, social and economic institutions;

AND WHEREAS the most effective way of achieving that goal is through initiatives in reducing carbon footprint, and greening;

AND WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, Electricity generation fueled by Natural gas contributes substantially to the province's carbon footprint and provides an opportunity for rapid reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through the elimination of this form of generation;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of environmental and economic wellbeing for the province of Ontario, immediate action to replace the gas generators by sustainable zero carbon alternatives should be undertaken;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Stratford strongly appeal to the Government of Ontario to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon based sustainable alternatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to Ontario municipalities and their organizations including AMO and OSUM for their consideration of support.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on June 28, 2021

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 ext 5329, clerks@stratford.ca

September 7, 2021

Graham Milne, Regional Clerk – Region of Halton
Via Email

Re: Vaccine Passports

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, August 30, 2021, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021-0162

WHEREAS Covid-19 is a highly contagious virus that results in serious illness, long-term effects and even death in some people;

AND WHEREAS there are highly effective vaccines widely available throughout Canada to provide a high level of immunity to those receiving the approved vaccines;

AND WHEREAS the immunity provided by the vaccines not only protects the vaccinated person from acquiring Covid-19 but reduces the incidence of transmission of Covid-19 amongst people out in the community and within homes and places of business;

AND WHEREAS the Covid-19 vaccines are highly effective but do not provide 100% protection from Covid-19;

AND WHEREAS there is still no approved vaccine for children born after 2010 putting them at high risk of acquiring Covid-19 from infected people;

AND WHEREAS some people who are eligible for Covid-19 vaccines still choose not to receive the vaccine thus putting themselves and others in contact with them at risk;

AND WHEREAS lockdowns and closures of businesses and services has greatly affected the livelihoods of many people within Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS persons working in jobs that result in many interactions with the public are at higher risk of acquiring Covid-19 even if they are vaccinated, as they may be exposed to unvaccinated people who have either active or asymptomatic Covid-19 disease;

AND WHEREAS the reopening of businesses that were closed as the result of various lockdown rules are beginning to gain back some of their losses;

AND WHEREAS members of the public are eager to safely return to their previous lifestyle habits of shopping, eating out and accessing services;

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AND WHEREAS the safety of both the public and employees is enhanced when all employees and members of the public are fully vaccinated;

AND WHEREAS there is not currently a secure document that reflects a person's vaccination status;

AND WHEREAS many businesses would like to limit access to their premises to allow only fully vaccinated staff and/or patrons;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the development of a secure Vaccine Passport/Medical Exemption Certificate that business owners can require members of the public to show prior to access to their business or service (should they wish to do so);

AND FURTHER THAT the federal and provincial governments be requested to develop such a passport that all vaccinated people can use to identify their vaccine status in any situation that it is needed;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Halton municipalities, the Region of Halton, AMO, the MP and MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills.

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Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2021-0162.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

c. Town of Milton
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City of Burlington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Michael Chong, MP for Wellington-Halton Hills
Ted Arnott, MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills

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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2021-0162
Title: Vaccine Passports
Date: August 30, 2021
Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson
Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

Item No. 15.1

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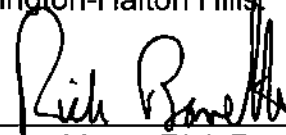
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Mayor Rick Bonnette