



The Municipal Corporation of the
Town of Fort Erie

Special Council Meeting Agenda

**Monday, October 5, 2020 - Immediately following the
Council-in-Committee Meeting**

Council Chambers via Video Teleconference

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Announcements/Addenda**
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**
5. **Motions**

(a) Councillor Dubanow

Re: Nancy Street Pathway

Resolution:

That: Council directs staff to open the existing access point from Nancy Street to the Stormwater Management Pond property, and further

That: The paved portion of the existing Nancy Street access point be extended to meet the existing Stormwater Management Pond service road, and further

That: Staff consider a landscaped buffer along the north and south edge of the Nancy Street access point to be included for

consideration in the 2021 supplemental budget deliberations.

(b) Mayor Redekop

Re: Request Province of Ontario to Investigate the Level of On-Site Licensed Nursing Care - Private Sector Retirement Homes
Resolution:

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie has received multiple concerns from families that their loved ones are being discharged from hospital to Retirement Homes and not to Long-Term Care Homes, and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie recognizes Long-Term Care Homes, considered part of the health care system, are funded by the Province (along with resident co-pay requirements) and have very specific legislation under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* to ensure the care needs of residents are met, and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie recognizes that Retirement Homes are entirely funded through the payments of residents and can vary quite widely in cost, care and housing offerings and quality, and that while they do have some oversight through the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority, that is not part of the legislation under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, and

Whereas the Long-Term Care Homes have a formal complaint process with the Ministry of Long-Term Care to deal with complainants not satisfied, by an internal complaint process, and

Whereas the private sector Retirement Homes do not have the same level of consistent family and patient satisfaction processes, complaint mechanism, clear health and safety protocols or adequate methods for communicating with residents and families, and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie has concerns that the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the inability of the Long-Term Care Homes to accept the high numbers of patients waiting for placement from Complex and Continuing Care at hospitals, and

Whereas many of these patients are being discharged to the Independent Living Retirement Homes where the level of on-site Licensed Registered Nursing care is not adequate to meet the needs of these individuals, and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie feels that there is an opportunity and a need for Ontario Health to address this gap in care with provincially funded health care professionals on-site in the Retirement Homes to ensure that residents receive the care that they require and deserve;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby requests that the Province of Ontario investigate the level of on-site licensed Nursing care being provided at the private sector Retirement Homes, and further

That: The Province of Ontario ensure patients are being discharged from hospitals to facilities that provide the level of care they require and deserve, and further

That: The Province of Ontario direct Ontario Health to ensure the appropriate level of care required by patients discharged from hospitals to Retirement Homes when Long-Term Care accommodations are not available and provide the necessary level of funding for Ontario Health to do so, and that the Province of Ontario establish clear, consistent and effective rules to regulate Retirement Homes as a vital component of the continuum of care as our residents age and require various care needs, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, and Niagara MPP's, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Niagara Area Local Municipalities, for their support.

6. Closed Session

- (a) Pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Re: Performance Evaluation

Resolution: To be presented.

7. Consideration of By-laws

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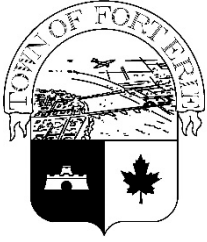
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97-2020

To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting and Special Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020

[97-2020 Confirmatory](#)

8. Adjournment



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

By-law No. 97-2020

Being a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting and Special Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020

Whereas it is desirable to have the actions and proceedings of Council adopted, ratified and confirmed by by-law;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** the actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting and Special Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020 including all motions, resolutions and other actions are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if they were expressly embodied in this by-law, except where the law requires the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other authority.
2. **That** where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council, then this by-law is deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for such authorization or exercise of any powers.
3. **That** the Mayor and officers of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to such actions or to obtain approvals where required.
4. **That** except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents arising from such actions.
5. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to effect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 5th day of October, 2020.

Mayor

Clerk

I, Carol Schofield, the Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie certifies the foregoing to be a true copy of By-law No. 96-2020 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation, this day of _____, 20 .