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## **Fort Erie Town Council urges Prime Minister to continue limiting cross-border traffic**

FORT ERIE (May 6, 2020) During Monday night's Special Council meeting, a motion was brought forward by Councillor McDermott to ask the Prime Minister of Canada to continue limiting cross-border traffic to essential traffic only. Following two amendments, a resolution was passed with full Council support.

"We value our seasonal residents and visitors who live primarily in the United States. During less extraordinary times, our American friends, family and neighbours would be welcomed with open arms by our community. At this time, however, it's important that we all remain diligent when dealing with this global pandemic and continue following important guidelines and regulations set forth by our nation's health experts such as staying close to one's personal health care providers," says Mayor Wayne Redekop.

In addition to limiting cross-border traffic, the resolution asks that current border restrictions remain in place until such time that it can be demonstrated that the flattening of the outbreak curve in the United States is on par with the progress we are seeing in Ontario.

"We are urging the government of Canada to continue to be guided by health and science when making its decisions regarding the border," said Redekop.

On March 20, the Canadian and United States governments agreed to temporarily close the border to non-essential travel for 30 days. The border closure was extended another 30 days in mid-April and is currently scheduled to reopen on May 21. The border closure is being managed by the Canada Border Services Agency in association with other health and law enforcement authorities.

To read more about the Town's COVID-19 response, please visit [www.forterie.ca/pages/Covid19News](http://www.forterie.ca/pages/Covid19News). In addition, residents should monitor the Town's social media channels and [subscribe](#) for Fort Erie COVID-19 alerts and news.