



File A-2100

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Request for Funding to Assist Businesses Affected by the Pandemic

At its meeting of January 24, 2022 Oshawa City Council adopted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:

“Whereas the pandemic has negatively impacted economies, businesses, workers and communities; and,

Whereas immediate action needs to be taken to assist our small and community-owned businesses that have been hardest hit by the economic impacts of COVID-19. Small businesses are an essential component of Oshawa's dynamic and diverse neighborhoods and their sustainability is a critical pillar of our community; and,

Whereas the Ontario government is providing targeted relief for businesses and people impacted by the current public health measures aimed at blunting the spread of the Omicron variant; and,

Whereas a comprehensive plan to support workers and businesses was announced by the Provincial government for COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant for small businesses; and,

Whereas, the Provincial government, as part of the plan, is introducing a \$10,000 grant for eligible businesses that are subject to closures under the modified reopening plan and is providing additional electricity-rate relief for businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home; and,

Whereas the province has announced an expanded rebate program for affected businesses however more is needed to bring timely and lasting support to local business in the community, including not only those that have had to close but also those that are subject to occupancy restrictions;

Whereas the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force, the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Oshawa Business Alliance support any effort by the City to advocate for greater financial assistance from upper levels of governments for local businesses;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Mayor Carter, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario requesting that both the federal and provincial governments continue to offer and expand wage subsidies, programs to cover lost revenues and rent subsidies until a return to full operations can resume, while also considering other immediate and long term measures to assist affected businesses.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Region of Durham, all local Durham Region municipalities, all MP's and MPP's in the Region of Durham."

If you require further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact me at the address listed above or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



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City Clerk

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Ontario Big City Mayors