

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief/CEMC

Department: Fire Service

Date of Report: March 29, 2022

Report Number: FIRE-2022-09

Subject: Termination of the Declaration of Emergency

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief/CEMC dated March 29, 2022 (FIRE-2022-09) regarding the termination of the Declaration of Emergency be received.

Report

March of 2020, the province of Ontario and most municipalities declared an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c E.9 s.4.(1) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town of LaSalle submitted the Declaration of Emergency to the Solicitor General's office on March 22, 2020, for both the COVID-19 pandemic and the flooding concerns the Town of LaSalle was experiencing.

In response, the Town of LaSalle activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to manage the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and local flooding concerns. The EOC has been active for this time period and frequent meetings were held to identify issues, review provincial guidelines, develop plans and implement Town of LaSalle policies to provide for the safe environment for staff, contractors and residents of the Town.

As public COVID-19 guidelines continue to shift and both federal and provincial governments lift restrictions, it is evident that the pressures that called for the declaration of an emergency locally have eased, and that the declaration can safely be ended as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, the Town of LaSalle in not experiencing or predicting any flooding concerns.

In alignment with the government and many municipalities in Ontario, Mayor Marc Bondy, in consultation with Town Administration and the Community Emergency Management

Coordinator (CEMC), will terminate the declaration of emergency put in place two years ago at the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic effective Wednesday April 27, 2022.

The Town of LaSalle will continue to adhere to and promote all health and safety regulations to protect employees and the public. The Town will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic's impact along with flooding concerns on Town operations and is prepared to escalate its response, should the local situation change.

Consultations

Mayor – Marc Bondy CAO – Joe Milicia

Financial Implications

Not applicable

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Link to Strategic Goals

- 1. Enhancing organizational excellence Yes
- 2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town Yes
- 3. Grow and diversify the local economy No
- 4. Build on our high-quality of life No
- 5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure Yes

Communications

Not applicable

Notifications

Not applicable

Report Approval Details

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Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia