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Re: Resolution - City of Cambridge Council – Request for Paid Sick Leave

At the Special Council Meeting of April 20, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following motion:

Mover: Councillor Wolf
Seconder: Councillor Reid

WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in cases in Ontario, our hospitals and Intensive Care Units are overrun with people sick with the virus;

AND WHEREAS according to the Provincial Science Advisory Table on COVID-19 we need to protect essential workers and support them with paid sick leave;

AND WHEREAS it is being reported that the drivers of transmission are indoor work places, particularly industrial workplaces, warehouses, and distribution centres;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 crisis has unmasked the inequalities in our Province as most of the people now getting sick are the most vulnerable in our society and are those who cannot afford to stay home and often live and work in crowded conditions;

AND WHEREAS Workers who are denied paid sick days do not avoid illness, they bring the infections to work with them, and they transmit them to their coworkers, employees without paid sick leave;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cambridge Council urge the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier to require Ontario employers to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers — after three months of employment — by amending the

Employment Standards Act, 2000, or through a different mechanism and to provide necessary funding, fiscal relief and/or support to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than 10 paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure all Ontario workers have access to protected and paid emergency leave so care can be provided to children, parents, and/or other family members who may become ill and that all workers may receive paid time off to enable them to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.

AND FURTHER that upon Council's approval of this motion that it be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Labour, the Premier, and each Ontario municipality.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk