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**Subject:** SUBJECT: Motion for Urgent COVID Relief Funding

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As you are well aware, municipal workers are on the front-lines going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during COVID-19. However, responding to this pandemic has left municipal governments in financial crisis. Their revenues have collapsed and unanticipated costs are soaring.

As you know it is projected that the gross costs related to COVID-19 will be nearly \$50 million for the Niagara Region.

Without financial help, cities will be forced to cut the vital local services our families and communities rely upon every day. On top of that, our cities are major economic drivers and this financial crisis is a threat to Canada's economic recovery. Provincial and federal levels of government must step up and provide financial support to our cities.

The Niagara Regional Labour Council working with the Canadian Labour Congress has been working hard in pushing the Ontario and federal governments to provide financial support. Many cities across Canada are currently working to pass the attached motion in order to keep the pressure on. Please consider doing the same.

Please advise if we can be of further assistance in these pursuits. The Labour Council is a strong voice to mobilize actions, and we would be honoured to be part of conversations in the economic recovery from COVID-19.

Looking forward to speaking with you further.

Sincerely,  
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Motion to the (town/city/municipality)

BECAUSE our local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada;

BECAUSE municipal workers are going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis;

BECAUSE municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring;

BECAUSE without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely upon;

BECAUSE public transportation makes our communities more livable and fights climate change;

“The (Town/City/Municipality)” calls for the provincial and federal governments to provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.