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Subject: Fwd: State of emergency mental health homelessness and addiction

Hello Clerk,

I would like to have Port Colborne City Council to support this motion.

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From: True Politics with Steven Soos <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, 30 May 2022 at 17:43
Subject: State of emergency mental health homelessness and addiction

WHEREAS According to the Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan (2008), Canadian municipalities are free to declare states of emergencies in response to "any situation or impending situation caused by the forces of nature, an accident, an intentional act or otherwise that constitutes a danger of major proportions to life or property."

WHEREAS 11/12 of Niagara-area municipalities have unanimously requested that Niagara Region declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction, Port Colborne **previously unanimously supported a motion requesting the Niagara Region declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction**

WHEREAS Niagara EMS reported 1001 suspected opioid overdoses (2021) and 210 suspected opioid overdoses already this year (April 2022)

WHEREAS Approximately 665 residents, including 121 children in Niagara, were counted as homeless (March 2021)

WHEREAS Niagara's suicide rate of 9.8 deaths per 100,000 is higher than the provincial average of 7.7 deaths per 1000,000 in Ontario (Stats Can)

BE IT RESOLVED That Port Colborne Council direct Mayor Bill Steele as the Head of Council to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction in the City of Port Colborne

FURTHERMORE, that the Ontario Minister of the Solicitor General, Emergency Management Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Ontario Associate Minister for Mental Health, all Niagara-area MPP's, and all Niagara-area Municipalities be copied on the resolution.

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