

## Board Correspondence

June 2021

Date	From	Subject
May 14, 2021	Peterborough Public Health	Ltr to Premier Ford – expressing appreciation and support for the extended stay-at-home order and the proposal of 3 priorities for provincial leadership in preparation to the reopening transition on June 2.
March 5, 2021	Daryl Kramp, MPP	Private Members Bill 216 Progression
May 28, 2021	Town of Englehart	Ltr to Premier Ford – request to reconsider the reopening plan and date to include non-essential small businesses and personal service settings in rural Northern Ontario.
May 31, 2021	Minister of Infracstructure	Response Ltr – Bill 226, Broadband is an Essential Service Act, 2020.

May 14, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Peterborough board of health, I would like to share our appreciation and support for your decision to extend the current Stay-at-Home Order that was set to expire on May 19 until at least June 2, 2021. Your announcement yesterday has come as good news for our communities in Peterborough, where we have seen a much slower decline in the incidence of daily COVID-19 cases than with previous provincial lock downs.

Although we understand the sacrifices that are required by our local operators and businesses, it is critical that when we do emerge from this period, we are able to sustain any gains made. We continue to make great progress with our vaccination roll-out but we will not have achieved the critical mass of fully immunized individuals by June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we must rely on a continuation of public health measures to prevent a resurgence.

With this in mind, we would like to propose three priorities for provincial leadership in order to prepare for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and a successful transition to recovery over the summer months:

First, we request that the province articulate the parameters that need to be achieved in order for the order to be lifted or modified. This includes clearly specifying goals such as daily new cases, transmission rates, test positivity rate, hospitalization and ICU capacity that will indicate when it is safe to ease the current restrictions. Sticking to the health measures will be much easier if we have specific goals to work towards.

Second, we urge that lower-risk outdoor activities be permitted. Communities are exhausted and the science supports the outdoors as a safer setting for physical activities such as play and recreation. Surely we can allow sports, exercise, and similar activities that can be done in small numbers, allow for physical distancing and other public health measures like the wearing of masks where necessary. For many of these spaces, the missing ingredient is the required supervision to ensure appropriate use. This may be a target for enhanced provincial funding to allow municipalities to step in to fill this gap.

Third, we believe that part of the encouragement for people to get vaccinated is the provision of the rationale. In other words, the descriptions of what additional activities can or loosened restrictions fully vaccinated individuals can expect. Now is the time to provide guidelines of what a fully vaccinated person can do with another fully vaccinated person – whether that may be to hug, eat together, share a visit with a parent in long-term care. We encourage the Premier to accept the invitation from ALPHA, our provincial association of boards of health, for further input and advice on how best to ensure the success of Ontario's COVID-19 response as we move into the summer months.

The battle against COVID 19 and the management of the pandemic has highlighted the value of the partnership between public health and the government in protecting the health of Ontarians. As we move forward together to finish the job and as we consider the ongoing role of Public Health in a post-pandemic environment, we look forward to continuing the close collaboration with the government and other health care partners.

Once again, thank you, Premier, for taking action and communicating it clearly with us in a timely way.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Mayor Andy Mitchell  
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Curve Lake First Nation Council  
Hiawatha First Nation Council  
Peterborough City Council  
Peterborough County Council  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Ontario Boards of Health

**From:** Krampco, Daryl [<mailto:daryl.krampco@pc.ola.org>]  
**Sent:** May-19-21 1:44 PM  
**To:** Ramski, Anita <[anita.ramski@pc.ola.org](mailto:anita.ramski@pc.ola.org)>; Kramp, Daryl <[daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org](mailto:daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org)>; Krampco, Daryl <[daryl.krampco@pc.ola.org](mailto:daryl.krampco@pc.ola.org)>  
**Subject:** Private Members Bill 216 Progression

May 19, 2021

Greetings,

I am pleased to inform you we are making solid progress in our quest to introduce experiential food literacy into the Ontario education curriculum! The tremendous feedback and support we have received on our Bill 216, from a large and diversified group of stakeholders, including you, has played a huge role in advancing this shared cause.

With the full support and personal involvement of Minister of Education Stephen Lecce we will be hosting a number of roundtables this summer to start shaping the experiential food literacy curriculum. There will be some limitations due to the overwhelming support, but I welcome your input be it through Zoom attendance or by written submission.

Please let me know if you wish to be involved by contacting my assistant Anita Ramski at [Anita.Ramski@pc.ola.org](mailto:Anita.Ramski@pc.ola.org)

Our current timeline, from the Minister's office, is as follows:

**Spring/Summer 2021:**

Plan and conduct roundtable discussion with food literacy stakeholders to begin to define food literacy education

**Summer/Fall 2021:**

Development of curriculum-related resources on food literacy and mental health learning by third-party stakeholders -- Begin curriculum revisions (procurements, research, experts)

**Winter/Spring 2022:**

Release of resources

**Spring 2023:**

Issue Revised curriculum for Elementary Health and Physical Education and Grade 9 Science for implementation in September 2023

Again, thank you for your input and support. Together we will continue to advance and enhance the implementation of experiential food literacy in Ontario classrooms.

Regards,



Daryl Kramp, MPP

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.  
Stay Positive.



Town of Englehart  
Phone: 705-544-2244  
Box 399  
Englehart ON P0J 1H0  
Fax: 705-544-8737



ENGLEHART · ONTARIO

May 28, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1A1

Re: Reopening

Dear Premier Ford,

As Mayor of the Town of Englehart I am requesting that you reconsider the reopening plan. Our retail and personal service businesses have suffered greatly throughout the last 14 months. In rural Northern Ontario it can be difficult for our small businesses to operate especially given the current situation with COVID-19.

With the current re-opening plan, most of the small businesses in our community will be able unable to open until Mid-July assuming our numbers remain low. The Town of Englehart is asking that you allow all retail, non-essential businesses as well as other personal care services to open on the original reopening date of June 2, 2021 in the District of Timiskaming.

According to the Temiskaming Health Unit 64.5% of our adults have been vaccinated with the first dose and currently there are 4 active cases in the district. With there being over 65% of adults in Ontario having also received the first dose, as well as with hospitalizations, ICU occupancy, new admissions and case rates on the decline, we feel it is time to allow our businesses to open.

We are requesting the Provincial Government reconsider the reopening plan and allow all businesses to reopen on June 2, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nina Wallace".

Mayor Nina Wallace

Cc - Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health  
Glen Comeil, Acting Medical Officer of Health – Timiskaming Health Unit

**From:** Minister of Infrastructure [<mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** Kerry Schubert-Mackey <[schubertmk@timiskaminghu.com](mailto:schubertmk@timiskaminghu.com)>  
**Cc:** [goldie.ghamari@pc.ola.org](mailto:goldie.ghamari@pc.ola.org); [JVanthof-CO@ndp.on](mailto:JVanthof-CO@ndp.on).  
**Subject:** Response from the Minister of Infrastructure

Mr. Carman Kidd  
Board Chair  
Timiskaming Health Unit  
c/o [schubertmk@timiskaminghu.com](mailto:schubertmk@timiskaminghu.com)

Dear Mr. Kidd:

Thank you for your letter regarding Bill 226, *Broadband is an Essential Service Act, 2020*. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Our government understands how important it is for people to have access to reliable internet and cellular connectivity. Now more than ever we need to build better infrastructure faster, strengthen our communities, and lay the foundation for growth, renewal, and long-term economic recovery.

That is why Ontario continues to build on previous commitments our government made as part of our 2019 Broadband and Cellular Action Plan.

The 2021 Budget commits a historic new investment of \$2.8 billion in broadband infrastructure to ensure that every region in the province has access to reliable internet by the end of 2025. This brings the province's total investment to nearly \$4 billion over six years. This proactive approach is the largest single investment in broadband, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.

On April 12, 2021, our government passed the *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 (SBIEA)* which will help connect more communities to reliable, high-speed internet sooner by reducing the regulatory barriers and costs affiliated with building broadband infrastructure.

By taking this step, our government is helping to speed up Ontario's broadband expansion, increase our competitiveness, strengthen communities, and make life more convenient for families and individuals. The *SBIEA* will get our infrastructure working better for Ontario.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified changes that were already underway, including the continued global shift to a digital world. Yet as many as 700,000 households and businesses in Ontario lack access to adequate broadband – or have no internet connection at all.

As someone who lives in a rural community and has been fighting to bring broadband to every unserved and underserved community for close to 20 years, I truly understand your frustration.

The people of Ontario need action now. Our government is stepping up by continuing to invest in reliable broadband.

Thank you again for writing and please know that I am working as fast as possible to bridge the digital divide across all of Ontario. That is my commitment to you and every person who needs to be connected.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Laurie Scott  
Minister of Infrastructure

c: John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane  
Goldie Ghamari, MPP, Carleton