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February 17, 2021

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit  
345 Oak Street West  
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Via e-mail: [jim.chirico@healthunit.ca](mailto:jim.chirico@healthunit.ca)

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson  
Clerk

/rj/Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2021 – 023

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: February 16, 2021
Councillor <b>V. BACKMAN</b>	_____	_____	<b>MOVED BY:</b>
Councillor <b>P. BORNEMAN</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>R. BURDEN</b>	_____	_____	Councillor Burden
Councillor <b>B. HORNE</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>B. KEITH</b>	_____	_____	<b>SECONDED BY:</b>
Councillor <b>D. McCANN</b>	_____	_____	
Mayor <b>J. McGARVEY</b>	_____	_____	Councillor McCann

**CARRIED:** ✓

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Whereas there is a willingness in the community to support directives from the Province and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; and

Whereas the North Bay Parry Sound Health District was a Green Zone prior to the Stay-at-Home Order; and

Whereas the more restrictive the directives, the greater the financial burden on businesses and individuals in the community; and

Whereas the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has taken a more restrictive approach than many District Health Units in Ontario by extending the Stay-at-Home Order until at least February 22, 2021; and

Whereas the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has also taken a very restrictive approach by ordering all public ice rinks, tobogganing hills, skating trails, and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) trails and trails utilizing Crown Land in the health unit district to be closed; and

Whereas community understanding and support is critical to achieving the objective of the directives - slowing the spread of the virus; and

Whereas the conditions in the North Bay Parry Sound Health District do not appear to be dissimilar to the conditions in many other Ontario health districts; and

Whereas variants of the virus have been confirmed in other Ontario Health Districts and the Stay-at-Home Order has been lifted; and

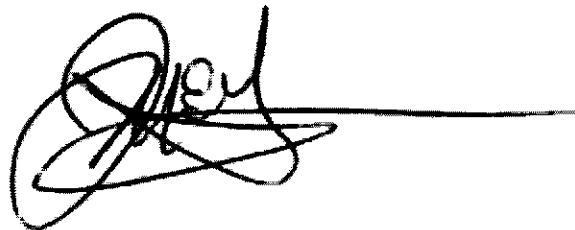
Whereas a greater community awareness generates greater community support; and

Whereas the Parry Sound Town Council has no authority with respect to Provincial and Health Unit directives;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Parry Sound requests that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit take a more pro-active approach to community outreach and communication through a range of communication techniques; and

That increased communication include greater dialogue with municipal and healthcare leaders across the health district in advance of announcements; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Mayors and healthcare leaders within the health district, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'J' and 'M' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**