

October 15th, 2020

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue, City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a resolution presented to this Honorable Body to request financial support in the sum of \$1,000,000 from our Niagara County Legislature. This request is due to the decreased sales tax revenue our city began to see from the worldwide pandemic.

Every municipality in Niagara County has experienced some negative economic impact and I hope our County Legislature can help us keep crucial services for the citizens of North Tonawanda during this time of need.

Should this Honorable Body have any questions regarding this resolution, I encourage you to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austin J. Tylec". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "T".

Austin J. Tylec
Alderman-at-Large

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE AUSTIN TYLEC

RE: Financial Support from Niagara County Legislature

WHEREAS, the office of the NYS Comptroller has stated, “the taxes collected from sale of goods and services, and additional taxes on specific services and commodities, are an increasingly significant source of revenue for many New York State local governments”; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation are experiencing unforeseen financial hardships due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has estimated \$8.8 million dollars in sales tax revenue in their 2020 budget without prior knowledge of an ensuing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda reported substantial reductions in sales tax revenue starting in May 2020 that is projected to continue into 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City of North Tonawanda projects a gap in sales tax revenue of \$1,000,000.00 million dollars between the months of May 2020 and April 2021; and

WHEREAS, there has been a valiant effort from local officials and department heads to reduce expenses in the current 2020 budget and 2021 budget in order to maintain financial stability; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across Niagara County rely on sales tax revenue in order to provide crucial services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County distributes sales tax on a monthly basis to the City of North Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County’s annual audit report for 2019 showed an unassigned fund balance of approximately \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, an unassigned fund balance or reserve funds are intended to support unforeseen financial hardships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby formally requests financial support by means of \$1,000,00.00 from the County of Niagara’s unappropriated fund balance, and/or, reserve funds for the purpose of ameliorating the estimated \$1,000,000.00 gap in anticipated sales tax revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby requests the Niagara County Legislature act expeditiously to pass legislation allocating the requested funds for the City of North Tonawanda; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Niagara County Legislature, Niagara County Accountant, and Niagara County Clerk and Treasurer.