

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

Whereas I, Darrin Canniff, Mayor of Chatham-Kent, have been advised by Administration that there is a substantial risk of conditions developing that would render the Erie Shore Road dike unstable with progressive failures potentially leading to a significant breach;

And Whereas the probability of such a major breach is less than 50 percent, the consequences of such a breach would be severe and result in significant harm to property and persons;

And Whereas a major breach would result also in parts of Erieau Road being flooded such that access to the Village of Erieau by road would be prevented by flooding;

And Whereas resulting flooding would also preclude emergency vehicle access and other services to Erie Shore Drive and adjacent residences;

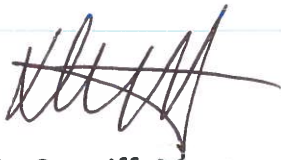
Therefore, pursuant to the powers given to me by the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, I determine that this impending situation constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property.

I declare a state of emergency for the lands that could be affected, including Erie Shore Drive, plus the low lying lands behind the dike and those portions of Erieau Road that would be flooded. These lands are identified as the "Emergency Area" on a map attached hereto as Schedule "A".

On the advice of Administration, I am advising residents to evacuate from the addresses of 18416 to 17982, inclusive, on Erie Shore Drive. Residents at these addresses who need emergency accommodation or additional support can call the Chatham-Kent Homeless Response Line at 519-354-6628. They should advise that they currently live on Erie Shore Drive.

Erie Shore Drive is currently closed except for local traffic. At any time Administration may need to close Erie Shore Drive to all traffic including local residents, if weather and other conditions warrant such measures.

In addition, Administration is today giving public notice of its intention to ask Council to indefinitely close Erie Shore Drive effective March 9, 2020, from address 18416 to the intersection of Erie Shore Drive and Erieau Road. Council will consider this matter for voting at its regular Council meeting on Monday March 2, 2020, at 6:00pm.



Darrin Canniff, Mayor
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
4:15pm, February 28, 2020