

Council Memorandum

Date:	February 9, 2021
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Ashmore
Re:	Medical Supply Manufacturing

Recommendation

That the memorandum from Councillor Ashmore, **regarding Medical Supply Manufacturing**, be received;

That Economic Development initiate the recruitment of medical supply manufacturers;

That Economic Development work to attract companies to set up healthcare manufacturing facilities in available existing buildings currently vacant; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Canada is experiencing a dire need for medical supplies, PPE equipment and vaccine development which began when the pandemic hit our shores in March of 2020.

Canada, specifically Ontario is in a very vulnerable position for the foreseeable future as we are dependant on a global supply chain of healthcare products. Given that Canada is in need and in short supply of critical products like therapeutics, PPE and vaccines, we need to begin manufacturing these products locally again.



In 2019 Council passed an innovative way of attracting business and manufacturing to our municipality by dropping all commercial development charges to 0% for the first 2500 sq metres or 27,000 sq ft of newly constructed facilities. By encouraging this type of manufacturing we are creating jobs, generating taxes for our municipality and, most importantly, saving lives by manufacturing our own healthcare supplies.