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Bill 214 Committee Submission

November 19th, 2020

To the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly:

Following the testimony of MPP Roberts on Tuesday November 17th, 2020, we are proud to submit this document containing a list of endorsements of 15 Ontario business organizations that are supporting Bill 214, and have included the text of their endorsements. Other organizations continue to proceed with consultations of their stakeholders and may support at a future date.

Sincerely,

Office Jeremy A. Roberts, MPP
Ottawa West - Nepean

- The Ontario BIA Association
- The Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- The Bobcaygeon & Area Chamber of Commerce
- The Dufferin Board of Trade
- The Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce
- The Hanover Chamber of Commerce
- The Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce
- The Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce
- The North Grenville Chamber of Commerce
- The Orillia District Chamber of Commerce
- The Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce
- The Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce
- The Quinte West Chamber of Commerce
- The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce
- The Whitby Chamber of Commerce



Ontario BIA Association:

Brandon, I wish you luck on this very important Bill. The OBIAA supports your Bill. We shared your information with our members and hope too, they have supported this as well.

Sincerely,

Kay

Kay Matthews,
Executive Director



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Aurora Chamber of Commerce:

Hello Brandon,

Whereas, the practice of twice annually changing our clocks is an outdated one that does not accomplish its initial goal of saving energy.

& whereas, the negative health effects that come with changing our clocks are real and well-documented by respected scientists & health experts.

& whereas, 79% of the world does not follow this practice, including one Canadian province and one territory, with more exploring the option.

& whereas, several studies have indicated that permanent daylight savings time could lead to increased economic activity year-round.

We the undersigned express our support for Bill 214, The Time Amendment Act.

Kind regards,
Sandra

Sandra Ferri
President & CEO
Aurora Chamber of Commerce
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Bobcaygeon & Area Chamber of Commerce:

From: Manager Chamber <manager.chamber@bobcaygeon.org>

Sent: November 12, 2020 1:13 PM

To: Robertscro, Jeremy <jeremy.robertscro@pc.ola.org>

Subject: Re: Ontario Daylight Savings Time Bill

Hi Jeremy,

The Bobcaygeon & Area Chamber of Commerce will support your Bill.

Cheers

Denise

Denise Benning-Reid

Chamber Manager

Bobcaygeon & Area Chamber of Commerce

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Dufferin Board of Trade:

Hi Brandon,

My Board voted in favour of this motion, so I am pleased to officially give you permission to add a submission to the committee that the Dufferin Board of Trade agrees with Bill 214.

Feel free to use any of our survey feedback comments or results to support your position in any way you find helpful.

Take good care and stay well,

	
Diana Morris , Accredited Chamber Executive	
Executive Director, Dufferin Board of Trade / Dufferin Biz Hub	
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Hi Brandon,

I have a motion on the “virtual table” right now for our Board to “give permission to MPP Jeremy Roberts office to add a submission to the committee that the Dufferin Board of Trade agrees with Bill 214.”

I have asked for responses within the hour, and I will get back to you asap to confirm that this motion has passed.

We have had 101 responses from businesses in the Dufferin County area, and of those 85.1% have responded that they are in favour of permanent Daylight Time.

Thank you,

	
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The Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce:

Good afternoon, Brandon.

Our responding members are overwhelmingly in favour of this bill. Hence, please add Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce to your supporters.

Regards,

Michelle

Michelle Patey
Chamber Administrator

Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce

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The Hanover Chamber of Commerce:

Hi Brandon, this is the Hanover Chamber of Commerce Executive reply:

6 of 8 say Yes... in favour of permanent Daylight time

No I would vote for keeping it the same as it is right now, Mike

No Keep Bi-Annual change. Rick

Yes. Peter

Yes Thank you, Kim

Yes... in favour of permanent Daylight time. Adam

Yes No more time changes! They mess me up worse every year... Norma

Yes I say yes. Keep it the same. No more changes. Cheers Cody

Either way works for me I am not for or against it....hope that's a choice lol Sherri

Hope these help ~ Cindy

Cindy Schaus, Secretary

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The Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce:

Hi Brandon,

Here is a quote:

“Studies show that when it gets dark early it has a negative effect on people's shopping habits. This is a great way to support our local businesses.”

~ Roderick Bennis, President

Lindsay+ District Chamber of Commerce

Also please feel free to add us as an undersigned endorser of the petition text at the bottoms of the email.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do?

Warm regards,

Colleen

Colleen Collins

Executive Director

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The Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce:

November 16, 2020

Office of Jeremy A. Roberts, MPP
Ottawa West - Nepean
Attn: Brandon Purcell, Executive Assistant

Re: Support for Daylight Savings Bill

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter expressing support for MPP Jeremy Roberts' Private Members Bill 214 proposing Ontario move to permanent Daylight Time eliminating bi-annual time changes.

"Whereas, the practice of twice annually changing our clocks is an outdated one that does not accomplish its initial goal of saving energy.

& whereas, the negative health effects that come with changing our clocks are real and well-documented by respected scientists & health experts.

& whereas, 79% of the world does not follow this practice, including one Canadian province and one territory, with more exploring the option.

& whereas, several studies have indicated that permanent daylight savings time could lead to increased economic activity year-round.

We the undersigned express our support for Bill 214, The Time Amendment Act."

The Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce is pleased to add its support to this initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,



Norah Fountain, Executive Director
Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce



The North Grenville Chamber of Commerce:

We at the Chamber of Commerce agree with the petition regarding permanent deleting Daylight Time. This practice is outdated and several studies have indicated that permanent daylight savings time could lead to increased economic activity year-round.

Thanks
Terri-Lyn



The Orillia District Chamber of Commerce:

Hi Brandon,

The Orillia District Chamber of Commerce supports the Private Members Bill for permanent Daylight Savings Time and happy to have you include our name to the Petition.

We polled our members who overwhelmingly supported this change, and the rationale that it would increase retail activity by 3.5% was an overwhelming reason for support.

All the best

Allan Lafontaine
Executive Director, Orillia District Chamber of Commerce
705-326-4424



The Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce:

Hello Brandon:

The Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Bill that introduces permanent Daylight Time:

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& whereas, several studies have indicated that permanent daylight savings time could lead to increased economic activity year-round.

We the undersigned express our support for Bill 214, The Time Amendment Act.

Kind regards:

Diane

Diane Austin

CEO

Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce

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The Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce:



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Attn: Brandon Purcell | Executive Assistant

Office of Jeremy A. Roberts, MPP

Ottawa West – Nepean

In response to your recent inquiry regarding the upcoming bill to eliminate the twice annual time change. Whereas, the practice of twice annually changing our clocks is an outdated one that does not accomplish its initial goal of saving energy.

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We the undersigned express our support for Bill 214, The Time Amendment Act.

Christy Cafovski
Executive Director
Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce



The Quinte West Chamber of Commerce:

Hello Brandon,

We have polled our members and about 75% of them are in favour of switching to Permanent Daylight Time.

Please add the Quinte West Chamber to your list of organizations that support this bill.

Suzanne

Suzanne Andrews | CEO

Quinte West Chamber of Commerce

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"The Quinte West Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting our members through advocacy, promotion and the enhancement of business, economic and social development in Quinte West."



The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce:

Hi There - This will confirm that the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce's Executive is supporting MPP Roberts bill to enable Ontario to move to permanent Daylight Time, eliminating our bi-annual clock changes.

"We (The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Executive) agreed with MPP Roberts to have permanent daylight savings time and that it would certainly increase economic year round" Cindy Peters, President, South Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Geraldine Fitzsimmons,
General Manager,
South Dundas Chamber of Commerce

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The Whitby Chamber of Commerce:

Daylight Savings Time

It is time for Ontario to move with other provinces and countries of the world and stop DST.

Adding DST just adds more complexity when dealing internationally.

DST is not used in all states, provinces, and countries. There is no consistency from area to area, therefore considering other provinces or countries being on or not being on DST, is a moot consideration, when it comes to making a decision whether to adopt or not to adopt DST.

Theoretically the main current main purpose of Daylight-Saving Time is to make better use of daylight and save energy. There is no reliable information to support that belief.

DST complicates doing world wide business because the time zones are all different anyway. Today's Internet world of things, decreases the importance of time of day considerations when conducting business out of our province.

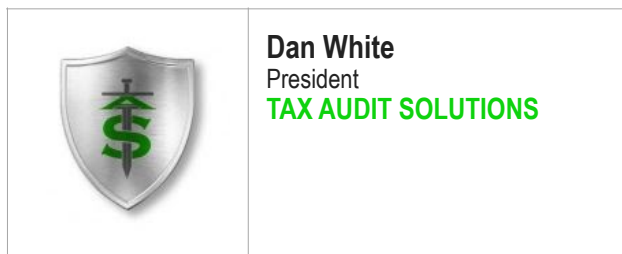
Changing the clocks does not save daylight or create extra daylight, it just interferes with sleep due to changing our clocks.

In Ontario the average day light changes by 3.5 minutes per day. So, changing our clocks by an hour twice a year, seems non sensical.

The sun comes up and goes down at an ever-changing pace, regardless of DST. There is the same amount of daylight regardless of DST. How we work has changed and we need to accept that there is no longer any real benefit from DST but that there is harm caused by it.

According to studies, the one-hour time change can trigger underlying health issues. Tired drivers can cause an increase in traffic accidents in the days following a DST switch.

Is daylight saving time worth the trouble? Research says no
We the Whitby Chamber of Commerce support the bill to get rid of Daylight Savings Time.



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Bill or item of business: **Bill 214, Time Amendment Act, 2020**

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Do you know the bill title or business (e.g., pre-budget consultations) you'd like to speak or submit material about?

Yes

Choose an application

Which application would you like to submit?

Submit material only

Which deadline would you like to submit your written material for?

[Written Submission Deadline: 7:00 p.m. \(EST\) on Thursday, November 19, 2020](#)

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