

1. **C-2025-055**
Correspondence received January 29, 2025 from the Municipality of Dysart et al respecting a resolution requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
2. **C-2025-056**
Correspondence received January 29, 2025 from the Town of Fort Erie to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Casselman correspondence requesting a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.
3. **C-2025-057**
Correspondence received January 29, 2025 from the Town of Fort Erie to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Aurora correspondence requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
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5. **C-2025-059**
Correspondence received January 29, 2025 from the City of Niagara Falls to Minister Paul Calandra, Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a resolution requesting a full review of regional governance in Niagara.
6. **C-2025-060**
Correspondence received January 30, 2025 from the Town of Perth to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau respecting a resolution requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
7. **C-2025-061**
Correspondence received January 31, 2025 from the Marshville Public School Student Advisory Council respecting a request for an in-kind donation of use of the Community Hall for a school fundraiser.



The Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Motion #25-35

Received January 29, 2025
C-2025-055

Moved by Tammy Donaldson

Seconded by Pat Casey

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4. Further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott; and
5. Further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

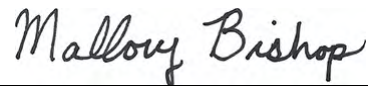
Carried

Defeated

Deferred



Murray Fearrey, Mayor



Mallory Bishop, Clerk



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Legal and Legislative Services

January 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sir,

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 27, 2025 received and supported correspondence from the Township of Casselman dated January 16, 2025 requesting the Province to undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of Casselman correspondence dated January 16, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
acarter@forterie.ca

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Encl.

c.c: The Honourable Paul Calendra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
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Sent: January 16, 2025 8:26 AM

To: Mayor and Council <dgMayorandCouncil@forterie.ca>

Subject: Support Needed for Fixing Municipal Funding

Name: Genevieve Lajoie

E-Mail: glajoie@casselman.ca

Comments: Support Needed for Fixing Municipal Funding

Dear Mayor Wayne Redekop and Councillors George McDermott, Nick Dubanow, Darren Flagg, Joan Christensen, Tom Lewis, Ann-Marie Noyes, Tom Insinna,

I urge your council to support the resolution calling on the provincial government to undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

Municipalities like ours provide essential services that people rely on every day, but the way we're funded is broken. Here's why:

- We're asked to do more with less.
- Property taxes can't keep up.
- Costs are rising while funding falls short.

The province continues to offload more responsibilities onto municipalities without enough funding to cover the costs. Unlike income or sales taxes, property taxes don't grow with the economy or inflation. They are based on fixed property values and don't automatically increase as economic conditions change. This leaves municipalities struggling to fund services, while families, seniors, and small businesses shoulder an unsustainable burden.

Our communities are being squeezed. Families and businesses are paying the price as we fight to maintain basic services. The system is broken, and it's time we fix it—property taxpayers can't keep carrying this weight alone.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is calling on the province to sit down with municipalities to review this funding system and find fair solutions. More than 150 municipalities have already joined this effort, and we have a chance to stand with them.

By passing this resolution, we're sending a clear message: enough is enough. It's time to fix this broken system and ensure fair funding for our communities.

Supporting and sharing this resolution means advocating for a system that:

- Invests in what people care about—housing, public safety, and essential services.
- Reduces the burden on property taxpayers.
- Gives municipalities the tools to meet their communities' needs.

Let's stand up for the people who rely on us to fight for their future. Be part of the solution by supporting this resolution and helping spread the message. Together, we can create real, lasting change.

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**MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Agenda Number: 10.1.
Resolution Number 2024-46
Title: Support Resolution - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Moved by: Francine Leblanc

Seconded by: Paul Groulx

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal weaken Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it be resolved that the Municipality of Casselman formally expresses its desire for the province of Ontario to conduct, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to the Province of Ontario, MP Francis Drouin and MPP Stéphane Sarrazin.

Carried



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Legal and Legislative Services

January 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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Honourable and Dear Sirs,

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 27, 2025 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 27, 2024 requesting the Province to redistribute the Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 27, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
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Encl.

c.c: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
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November 27, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Delivered by email
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
Member Motion 8.9.1 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the
Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable
Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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November 27, 2024

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8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.5.4, 8.8.1, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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Carried



Received January 29, 2025
C-2025-058

RE: Land-Transfer Tax and GST

JANUARY 09, 2025

Honourable and Dear Sirs,

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Township of Limerick at its meeting of December 16, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 27, 2024 requesting the Province to redistribute the Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding. The Township of Limerick has passed a motion of support for this request.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 27, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Victoria Tisdale

Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Limerick

Encl.

c.c: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

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The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Hastings-Lennox and Addington MPP – Ric Bresee rick.bresee@pc.ola.org

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November 27, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Delivered by email
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Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Carried



Received January 29, 2025
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January 21, 2025

Minister Paul Calandra
Municipal Affairs and housing
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Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Calandra:

Re: Governance Review for the Niagara Region

Please be advised that the City Council of Niagara Falls at its meeting of January 21, 2025, passed the following resolution pertaining to a having a Governance Review in the Niagara Region:

THAT Council waive the Notice of Motion requirements within the Procedural By-law to allow for an immediate motion, being;

THAT Council send a resolution to the Province, in particular Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario, for a full review of the Governance Model and the provincial committee overseeing the study on regional governance in Niagara, in hopes of stopping the duplication of services by lowering the number of politicians and staff currently working in all of Niagara for long-term fiscal sustainability AND to report back to the City of Niagara Falls with any findings, and;

THAT this motion be sent to the Niagara area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and local area municipalities in the Niagara Region.

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Matson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Matson
City Clerk

cc.

MPP, Jennifer Stevens, jstevens-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP, Jeff Burch, jburch-qp@ndp.on.ca

MPP, Wayne Gates, wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP, Sam Oosterhoff, sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org

Local Area Municipalities



The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Resolution

January 21, 2025

No. 5 – Resolution to have a Governance Review for the Niagara Region

Moved by: Councillor Mona Patel

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg

Governance Review for the Niagara Region

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THAT this motion be sent to the Niagara area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and local area municipalities in the Niagara Region.

AND The Seal of the Corporation to hereto affixed.

Carried Unanimously

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Matson", written over a horizontal line.

**WILLIAM G. MATSON
CITY CLERK**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Diodati", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES M. DIODATI



January 30, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Sent via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Motion – Support for Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Perth, at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, passed the following Motion:

Motion - Support for Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Community Hall

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Sent: January 31, 2025 11:44 AM

To: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>

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Good morning,

My name is Jodi and I am the Co-Chair of the Student Advisory Council at Marshville Public School. We are having our annual but first at Marshville Pasta Dinner March 28/2025 and are requesting the use of the kitchen at community hall to cook our food. We will be serving it at the school but our kitchen within the school cannot prepare the amount of food we need. We are asking if possible that the township donate the facilities to use as it is a fundraiser with all proceeds going directly to the school to be used for our students.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Jodi Wainwright