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Subject: Resolution - Redistribute Land Transfer Tax and GST
Attachments: 01-28-25 - Redistribute Land Transfer Tax and GST.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a resolution requesting the redistribution of a portion of Land Transfer Tax and GST toward municipalities for infrastructure initiatives passed by Dysart et al Council at the January 28, 2025 meeting.

Sincerely,

Mallory Bishop

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The Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Motion #25-35

Moved by Tammy Donaldson

Seconded by Pat Casey

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

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now therefore be it resolved that Dysart et al Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Further that Dysart et al Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Further 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. 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