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February 4, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora
Mayor Tom Mrakas
100 John West Way
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RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **Respective** Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025, endorsed correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 5, 2024, regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-04
Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer Seconded by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva

That Council support and endorse the resolution as amended within the correspondence received regarding the request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure funding.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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 **respective** municipalities; and

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

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **respective** 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 **respective** 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 Hereby Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to **respective** municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to **respective** municipalities; and
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 **respective** 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.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

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JK/dp

c.c. Prime Minister of Canada
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Finance
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

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