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Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding illegal car rallies:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas, the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America: and

Whereas, the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

And Whereas the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

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Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants; and

That the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies; and

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Premier Doug Ford

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Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police

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