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January 30, 2024

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Subject: Corr. 01-24  
Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Re: Request the Government of Ontario to provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget

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Notes/Comments:	

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on January 22, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 01-24, from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham, dated December 20, 2023, regarding a Request for the Government of Ontario to provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget, be received.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: Chief Administrative Officer



December 20, 2023

Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Request the Government of Ontario to provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget, Our File: C00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on December 20, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the bulk of government funded programs for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) end at age 18 in Ontario;

And Whereas families supporting a loved one with ASD are often forced to make the difficult decision between expensive private day programs and leaving the workforce to provide care;

And Whereas getting out of the home and connecting with others can alleviate social isolation, improve mental and physical health, and lead to an overall better quality of life;

And Whereas Autism Home Base, based in Bowmanville and with weekly drop-ins at McLean Community Centre in Ajax, provides supports and services to 191 Durham Region families, or more than 450 participants, five days a week;

And Whereas by supporting programs for adults with ASD, the Government of Ontario can achieve its goal of keeping patients healthy in their communities and out of hospitals, as noted in the Ministry of Health's 2022-2023 Strategic Plan;

And Whereas Ajax Council supported a motion on November 27, 2023, requesting that the province provide core funding for

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organizations that offer programs, care and services for adults with ASD;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Durham Regional Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with ASD, including Autism Home Base, as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget; and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Health Sylvia Jones, Minister Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo, all Durham Region MPPs, all lower tier Durham municipalities, local school boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Autism Ontario.

*Alexander Harras*

Alexander Harras,  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/sr

c: Premier Doug Ford  
Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, MPP  
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP  
Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Michael Tibollo, MPP  
Patrice Barnes, MPP  
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Jennifer French, MPP  
Laurie Scott, MPP  
David Piccini, MPP  
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