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Subject: Corr. 09-24
Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk,
Region of Durham
Re: Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 25, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 09-24, from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk, Region of Durham, dated January 31, 2024, regarding a Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario, be received and endorsed.

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



January 31, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario, Our File: F00

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on January 31, 2024, passed the following resolution:

“Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life;

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;

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

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like supporting asylum seekers and addressing the homelessness, mental health and addictions crises;

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

Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

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

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Chair write a letter on behalf of Council to the Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking 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; and

That a copy of this motion and the supporting letter be sent to the local MPPs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the local area municipalities in Durham Region.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras,
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/sr

Enclosure

- c: Hon. P. Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP, Pickering/Ajax
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Delivery, MPP, Durham
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