



# Town of Kearney

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 210

Date: June 20 2024

**MOVED BY:**

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

**SECONDED BY:**

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**AND WHEREAS** the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

**AND WHEREAS** it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby support Township of Pelee's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma; and finally

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound- Muskoka; MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill