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**Delivered by email**

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
 Prime Minister of Canada

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
 Premier of Ontario

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024  
 Member Motion 8.9.1 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the  
 Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable  
 Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**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 municipalities; and**

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

**Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to 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**

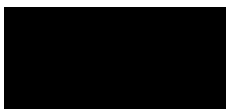
**Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure**

**initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;**

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

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji  
Deputy Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to  
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Copy: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
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## 8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024

**Moved by** Councillor Weese

**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.5.4, 8.8.1, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**

### 8.9 Member Motions

#### 8.9.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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