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October 27, 2025

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability**

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-343

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott

**Seconded by:** Councillor Duhaney

*WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;*

*WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental housing; and*

*WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home, e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and*


*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.*

CARRIED

Please find enclosed a letter from Mayor James Leduc and Ward 2 Councillor Jonathan Scott.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

  
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Ontario  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario  
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Municipalities in Ontario

October 27, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney P.C., O.C., M.P.  
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford MPP  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford:

**Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability**

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At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.


This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,

  
✓ Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

✓ Jonathan Scott  
Councillor, Ward 2

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