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Gary Carr
Regional Chair
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Dear Chair Carr:

Gary

Thank you for sharing Halton Region's perspectives regarding the review of regional government. I understand that the recent interviews with the upper and lower-tier Heads of Council were substantive and helpful.

Our government also understands that all Ontarians deserve municipalities that are working effectively, efficiently, and continue to provide the vital services that communities depend on.

That is why I appointed Michael Fenn and Ken Seiling as Special Advisors to consult broadly over the coming months. They will provide recommendations to improve governance, decision-making and service delivery in Ontario's eight regional municipalities and the County of Simcoe.

Once again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention and for providing your valuable input to the Advisors. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

Steve Clark
Minister

Thanks for the feedback!

c: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, City of Burlington
Mayor Rick Bonnette, Town of Halton Hills
Mayor Gordy Krantz, Town of Milton
Mayor Rob Burton, Town of Oakville
Ken Seiling, Special Advisor
Michael Fenn, Special Advisor

Subject: Town of Minto Council Meeting Tuesday April 16, 2019 Item 9 f) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Resolution

Good Afternoon:

The Council of the Town of Minto met on April 16, 2019 to consider the above noted item and passed the following motion:

MOTION: COW 2019-069

Moved by: Councillor Elliott; Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

Whereas the Provincial government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments to help offset operating and capital costs; and

Whereas Municipalities were further advised that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease having a significant impact on future budgets and how funds are raised by Municipalities as funding will be reduced by an unspecified amount; and

Whereas if allocations to municipalities are reduced, Councils will need to compensate with property tax increases or local service reductions; and

Whereas, the 2018 Town of Minto allocation was \$1,630,700 which is equivalent to 33.96% of the Town's municipal property tax revenue; and

Whereas the Town of Minto prides itself on efficient and value for money practices every day;

And Whereas, a 33.96% increase in the municipal property tax rate would increase the municipal component of property taxes paid for an average household by \$403 per year;

Now therefore be it resolved that although an interim payment has been received, Council of the Town of Minto expresses grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years;

And Further, Council petitions the Provincial government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures municipal sustainability;

And furthermore, that this resolution be circulated to the Premier, Ministers of Finance, Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MPP and all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

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April 16, 2019

Below is a copy of a Resolution adopted by Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2019. In keeping with City Council's direction, a copy is being distributed to other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

C. Touzel
City Clerk

RESOLUTION

6.1 Single-Use Plastic Straws

WHEREAS section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that the powers of a municipality are to be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS section 8(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits the municipality to pass by-laws under section 10 and 11 which: regulates or prohibits the matter; and to require persons to do things respecting the matter; and

WHEREAS section 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits single-tier municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the following matters: economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford wishes to consider regulating or prohibiting the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws in the municipality in order to reduce: (a) littering; (b) the impact on landfills; (c) the impact on sewers; and (d) the contribution to climate change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Staff BE DIRECTED to:

1. Analyze the impacts of single-use plastic straws in the municipality; and how to reduce those impacts through the regulation and prohibition of single-use plastic straws;

2. Consult with the public and impacted industries, including but not limited to:
 - i. Retail Stores;
 - ii. Restaurants;
 - iii. Manufacturers and Distributors, as applicable;
 - iv. Chamber of Commerce;
 - v. Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
 - vi. Brantford Environmental Policy Advisory Committee;
3. THAT City Staff REPORT BACK to Council on the results of their analysis and consultation; along with a process, including timelines, to:
 - a. In the first phase, regulate the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws, taking into account existing inventories and the sourcing of alternate suppliers; and
 - b. In the final phase, prohibit the sale and distribution of single-use plastics straws.
4. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.