

January 6, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of December 17, 2024 the following motion regarding support for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-621

DATE: December 17, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor St-Jean

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;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, public health costs, childcare, and many other social services, and these costs are rising every year, with limited funding from upper levels of government;

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and Federal 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; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. Formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Formally requests the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Ryan Williams and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsopp; and
4. **THAT** 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.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor St-Jean, and Marcia Wallace, CAO

