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The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
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Sent by E-Mail

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Re: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on January 20, 2025:

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 LTT 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 LTT 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;

AND WHEREAS on November 27, 2024, Durham Regional Council passed a resolution requesting the Federal and Provincial governments redistribute a portion of the LTT and GST to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities and remind the province that it has been asked by AMO and municipalities to develop a new and comprehensive funding arrangement with municipalities, including the housing affordability taskforce recommendations;
2. Ajax Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the Goods and Services Tax collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. Redistribution of the LTT and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;
4. A copy 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), Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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