



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Tom Mrakas, Mayor, Town of Aurora

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives and supports the correspondence of Tom Mrakas, Mayor, Town of Aurora Re: November 5, 2024 Resolution regarding request of the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding as noted below:

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
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax 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; and
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.

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate the resolution to the 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of

Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and local MP and MPP offices, for their endorsement and advocacy.

YES: 7

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion is Carried

YES: 7

Mayor Matrosovs
Councillor Maxwell

Deputy Mayor Bordignon
Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Ardiel
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 0

From: De Bartolo, Betty <BDeBartolo@aurora.ca> on behalf of Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 6:26:10 PM
To: Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Subject: Follow-Up: Join Over 50 Municipalities Supporting Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Dear Elected Official,

I'm reaching out again regarding the motion calling on the province to redistribute part of the Land Transfer Tax and the federal government to share a portion of the GST on new home sales. This initiative is critical to securing predictable and sustainable funding for our municipalities, enabling us to address infrastructure needs without over-reliance on property taxes.

I'm pleased to share that over 50 municipalities have already passed this motion, demonstrating widespread support for this important cause. As a result, you may soon notice resolutions related to this initiative appearing on your agenda from other municipalities.

If your Council has not yet adopted this motion, I strongly encourage you to introduce it for consideration. Standing together as municipalities across the province will amplify our message to the Provincial and Federal Governments and show them the urgency and unity behind this request.

Thank you again to those who have already passed the motion. Your leadership is helping pave the way for meaningful change. For those still considering, I have attached a copy of the motion. If you have any question, I would be happy to answer any questions to assist you.

Together, we can ensure a stronger financial future for all our municipalities.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

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Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

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