

June 12, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Clark,

RE: Town of Bracebridge Resolution regarding the establishment of a Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

At its meeting of June 4, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 20-TC-089, regarding the Town of Bracebridge support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recommendations contained in their report titled "Protecting Vital Municipal Services", as follows:

"WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) issued a report titled ["Protecting Vital Municipal Services"](#) on April 23, 2020 which included recommendations to the federal government to provide financial assistance for municipalities across the country;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) recognizes that a collaborative federal-provincial effort is required to provide much needed financial assistance to municipalities and their May 14, 2020 letter (attached) to the Prime Minister and the Premier urges Canada and Ontario to extend their successful collaboration through financial support for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the FCM recommendation and requests that both the Federal and Provincial Governments establish a municipal financial assistance program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in lobbying the Provincial Government for financial assistance to support Municipalities in offsetting the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Member of Parliament (MP) and local Member of the Ontario Legislature (MPP), FCM, AMO and its member municipalities, and the Muskoka municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the associated memorandum for you reference.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L McDonald'.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Copy: Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Honourable Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
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