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September 23, 2020

Hon. Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
Frost Building South, 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Cres.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Honourable Phillips,

Please find attached a copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes on September 16, 2020 regarding a request to amend section 12 of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act 1997.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Mark Donaldson
Director of Financial Services

- cc. Ministry of Finance Parliamentary Assistant Stan Cho
Town of the Blue Mountains
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Town of Innisfil
Town of Lakeshore
City of Mississauga
Municipality of North Middlesex
Township of Puslinch
City of Sarnia
Town of Saugeen Shores
Township of South Frontenac

Town of Tecumseh
City of Waterloo
Lower Tier District of Muskoka Municipalities
 Town of Bracebridge
 Town of Gravenhurst
 Township of Georgian Bay
 Town of Huntsville
 Township of Lake of Bays

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TOWNSHIP OF
MUSKOKA
Lakes

COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda Item 8.h.

Date: September 16, 2020

C- 11 -16/09/20

MOVED BY: Councillor Kelley

SECONDED BY: Councillor Jaglowitz

Whereas single and upper-tier municipalities are required to pay annually for the services of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC") in accordance with section 12 of the *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997* (the "Act");

And Whereas the formula prescribed under section 12 of the Act used to calculate the annual payment gives equal weighting to the proportion that the total assessment on all property in the municipality and the proportion that the total number of properties set out in assessment rolls returned in the municipality relative to the Province of Ontario;

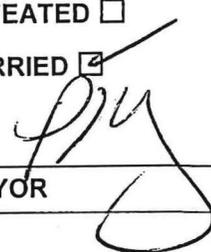
And Whereas when payment of these costs when apportioned by upper-tier municipalities removes the equitable distribution contemplated under section 12 of the Act (assessment by municipality and total number of properties) introducing significant unfairness to the residents of the lower-tier municipalities which have disproportionately higher assessment values;

And Whereas, in the interest of fairness, lower-tier municipal residents should pay an amount that is consistent with the formula as set out in the Act;

And Whereas this item was discussed with Parliamentary Assistant Stan Cho at the recent AMO Conference with representatives from the District of Muskoka and all lower-tier Municipalities within;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes request The Minister of Finance to:

1. Amend section 12 of the *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997* to bill single and lower-tier governments directly pursuant the current formula prescribed in the legislation prior to the 2021 MPAC billing cycle, or alternatively;
2. Amend section 12 of the *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997* to direct those upper-tier municipalities required to pay the prescribed amounts, to distribute the costs to the residents of lower-tier municipalities using the same formula currently prescribed in the legislation.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS	
COUNCILLOR BRIDGEMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS (Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR HAYES (Acting Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR JAGLOWITZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR KELLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR MAZAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR ZAVITZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAYOR HARDING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TOTALS	_____	_____	
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____			DEFEATED <input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  _____ MAYOR