



## Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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July 20, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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RE: Fort Erie Resolution Regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

At the July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, Town of LaSalle Council gave consideration to correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie, dated June 1, 2021, regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

At the Meeting, the following motion was passed:

That correspondence received from Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 regarding Capital Gains on Primary Residence be received; and endorsed.

Correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie is attached for your convenience.

Yours truly,

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cc. All Members of Parliament  
All Members of Provincial Parliament  
The Town of Fort Erie  
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## Community Services

### Legislative Services

June 1, 2021  
File #120203

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

**Whereas** currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

**Whereas** the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

**Whereas** smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

**Whereas** many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

**Whereas** a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

**Whereas** the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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