Dear Ms. Moy:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 30, 2021, in support of a resolution passed by the Town of LaSalle and the Town of Fort Erie in relation to Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

Please be assured that your correspondence, offered on behalf of the Town of Tecumseh, has been carefully reviewed. As you may know, the matter you raise falls under the purview of the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Deputy Prime Minister Freeland for her information and consideration.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

R. Kabongo

Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction July 30, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada

Email: <u>Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca</u>

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario

Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Sirs:

Re: Support Resolution Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, gave consideration to a letter received from the Town of LaSalle, dated July 20, 2021, to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario supporting the June 1, 2021 resolution from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

"**That** the Town of Tecumseh support the July 20, 2021 resolution of the Town of LaSalle and June 1, 2021 resolution of the Town of Fort Erie regarding capital gains on primary residences."

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support of the Town of LaSalle's and Town of Fort Erie regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence. A copy of both of these resolutions are attached for your ease of reference.

Yours very truly,

Laura Moy, Dipl.M.M.

Director Corporate Services & Clerk

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Enclosure (Letter from the Town of LaSalle, dated July 20, 2021 and Town Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021)

cc: Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (<u>irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca</u>)

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July 20, 2021

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RE: Fort Erie Resolution Regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

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,

Linda Jean Deputy Clerk Town of LaSalle ljean@lasalle.ca

cc. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Town of Fort Erie
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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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