



May 9, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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[amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Request Province to Undertake with AMO a Comprehensive Review of Municipal Finances Across Ontario**

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

**RES:20240213-24**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

*"Whereas Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand received letters from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville supporting the province committing to the undertaking of a social and economic prosperity review; and*

*Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and*

*Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and*

*Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and*

*Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and*

*Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and*

*Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and*

*Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and*

*Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and*

*Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and*

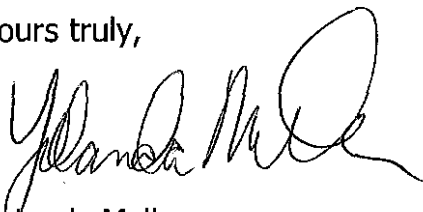
*Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and all Ontario municipalities."*

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Town's of Hanover and Orangeville as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Dev.  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

February 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

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**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover adopted the following resolution at their meeting of January 15, 2024 regarding the above noted matter;

**Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL      Seconded by COUNCILLOR HOCKING**

**Whereas** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**Whereas** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**Whereas** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**Whereas** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**Whereas** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**Whereas** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**Whereas** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**Whereas** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**Whereas** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**And further that** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanya Patterson".

Tanya Patterson  
Deputy Clerk

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cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

**Corporate Services**

January 26, 2024

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and**

**WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and**

**WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and**

**WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and**

**WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need; and**

**WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and**

**WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and**

**FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk