

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
Council Meeting**

**DATE:** 20 Aug 2019

**RESOLUTION:** #7(b)/08/20/19

**MOVED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

*Jacqueline Godard*  
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*Terry Glover*  
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the Township of McKellar's Resolution No. 19-355 dated July 15, 2019 (attached) with respect to Municipal Amalgamation;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPP's in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario Municipalities.

**RECORDED VOTE**

**NAYS**

**YEAS**

**Councillor Mike Peppard**

**Councillor Robert Lacroix**

**Councillor Nancy Tapley**

**Councillor Rick Brooks**

**Councillor Jacqueline Godard**

**Mayor Terry Glover**

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**MAYOR**

*Terry Glover*  
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# TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: July 15, 2019

RESOLUTION No. 19- 355

Moved by: Marco Ancinelli   
Don Carmichael   
Morley Haskim   
Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli   
Don Carmichael   
Morley Haskim   
Mike Kekkonen

**WHEREAS** there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

**AND WHEREAS** forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

**AND WHEREAS** this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

*substantially increase fines* *MD*  
*MLK*

**AND WHEREAS** the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting "consultation" and "demand" that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried  Defeated  Deferred

*Peter Hopkins*  
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Peter Hopkins, Mayor

**DIVISION VOTE**

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Marco Ancinelli	_____	_____
Councillor Don Carmichael	_____	_____
Councillor Morley Haskim	_____	_____
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	_____	_____
Mayor Peter Hopkins	_____	_____