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Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 6:26:10 PM  
To: Mrakas, Tom <[TMrakas@aurora.ca](mailto:TMrakas@aurora.ca)>  
Subject: Follow-Up: Join Over 50 Municipalities Supporting Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Dear Elected Official,

I'm reaching out again regarding the motion calling on the province to redistribute part of the Land Transfer Tax and the federal government to share a portion of the GST on new home sales. This initiative is critical to securing predictable and sustainable funding for our municipalities, enabling us to address infrastructure needs without over-reliance on property taxes.

I'm pleased to share that over 50 municipalities have already passed this motion, demonstrating widespread support for this important cause. As a result, you may soon notice resolutions related to this initiative appearing on your agenda from other municipalities.

If your Council has not yet adopted this motion, I strongly encourage you to introduce it for consideration. Standing together as municipalities across the province will amplify our message to the Provincial and Federal Governments and show them the urgency and unity behind this request.

Thank you again to those who have already passed the motion. Your leadership is helping pave the way for meaningful change. For those still considering, I have attached a copy of the motion. If you have any question, I would be happy to answer any questions to assist you.

Together, we can ensure a stronger financial future for all our municipalities.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

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Town of Aurora

## Member Motion

Mayor's Office

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**Re:** Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Mayor Tom Mrakas

**Date:** November 5, 2024

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Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



## Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

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February 5, 2025

Re: Need to Fix Municipal Funding

The correspondence received from the Municipality of Casselman, a copy of which is attached, was reviewed by the Council of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula on February 3, 2025, relating to the above noted item. The following Resolution #04-09-2025 was carried and adopted by Council:

That Council supports the Resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding a request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding; and

That Council supports the Resolution from the Municipality of Casselman regarding a need to fix municipal funding; and

That Council supports the Resolution from the Township of South Stormont regarding the redistribution of taxes collected.

Yours truly,

Cathy Addison  
Clerk  
Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

# Email Us

Please enter your email address, subject and message, and click the "Submit" button. If your request requires a follow-up, be sure to include your full name, day-time phone number and relevant property information in your message.

**Your Email Address: \***

[REDACTED]

**Contact Name:**

Genevieve Lajoie

**Subject:**

Support Needed for Fixing Municipal Funding - Soutien nécessaire pour réparer le financement municipal

**Your Message: \***

Version française ci-dessous.

Dear Mayor Milt McIver, Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson and Councillors Todd Dowd, Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Aman Sohrab,

I urge your council to support the resolution calling on the provincial government to undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

Municipalities like ours provide essential services that people rely on every day, but the way we're funded is broken. Here's why:

- We're asked to do more with less.
- Property taxes can't keep up.
- Costs are rising while funding falls short.

The province continues to offload more responsibilities onto municipalities without enough funding to cover the costs. Unlike income or sales taxes, property taxes don't grow with the economy or inflation. They are based on fixed property values and don't automatically increase as economic conditions change. This leaves municipalities struggling to fund services, while families, seniors, and small businesses shoulder an unsustainable burden.

Our communities are being squeezed. Families and businesses are paying the price as we fight to maintain basic services. The system is broken, and it's time we fix it—property taxpayers can't keep carrying this weight alone.

### **Draft Resolution**

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 Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).