

February 12, 2025

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sent via email: Minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Sent via email: Minister.MOI@ontario.ca

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Sent via email: Minister.fin@ontario.ca

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please note that at their regular meeting on February 4, 2025, the Council of the Municipality of Huron East discussed the above noted request from the Municipality of Casselman and the following motion was passed:

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 seeker and addressing the mental health and addiction 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, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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cc: Genevive Lajoie, Mayor, Municipality of Casselman



February 19, 2025

Municipality of Casselman
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RE: Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

At its regular meeting of February 12, 2025, our Municipal Council passed the following resolution:

25-030 Moved by: Councillor K. Lévesque
Seconded by: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wish to receive and approve the attached email dated January 16, 2025, from the Municipality of Casselman with regards to a request for support concerning the Social and Economic Prosperity Review, as presented.

Carried

Sincerely,

Lynne Blanchette
Office Coordinator

Enclosures Resolution No. 25-030

COUNCIL RESOLUTION



Moved By: Krystal
Seconded By: Hélène

DATE: February 12, 2025
Resolution No. 25-030

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

RECORDED VOTE:	YES	NO
Councillor Hélène Perth	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Krystal Lévesque	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Julila Hemphill	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Jr. Vallières	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Beverly Nantel	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof: