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March 19, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

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

**Re: Township of East Garafraxa Resolution of Support - Request to Provincial and Federal Governments Regarding Distribution of Taxes on Property Transactions**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of Council held on January 28, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa supported the following resolution received from Town of Orangeville:

**Moved By: Councillor Halls**  
**Seconded By: Councillor Zukowski**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Township of East Garafraxa hereby support the Town of Orangeville resolution with respect to the request to the Provincial and Federal governments regarding distribution of taxes on property transactions.

**CARRIED**

Enclosed is the above referenced Town of Orangeville resolution.

Sincerely,

Shannon Peart  
Administrative Assistant/Clerk's Department  
**Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa**

Enclosure(s): Town of Orangeville Resolution

cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance for Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario  
Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MP  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Dufferin Municipalities

**Corporate Services**

November 21, 2024

**Re: Request to Provincial and Federal Government Regarding Distribution of Taxes on Property Transactions**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on November 18, 2024, approved the following resolution:

**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;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Orangeville Council formally requests that the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**

**That Town of Orangeville Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**

**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**

**That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance for Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario, Dufferin-Caledon MP, Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and**

**That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the County of Dufferin, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

**Carried Unanimously**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk