



## TOWN OF LAKESHORE

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December 2, 2016

Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto ON  
M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

**RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PROCESS**

At their meeting of November 22, 2016 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

Councillor Bailey moved and Councillor McKinlay seconded:

**WHEREAS** the current Accommodation Review Process released by the Minister of Education to serve as a province wide minimum standard that, school boards must use to develop their own policies for pupil accommodation reviews is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life

**AND WHEREAS** school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educational, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

**AND WHEREAS** projected growth patterns of rural communities should be a factor within the review process;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lakeshore requests the Minister of Education to initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities are studied, completed and the results and recommendations are considered;

**AND THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Education, Mitzie Hunter, Premier Kathleen Wynne, Leader of the Opposition Party, Patrick Brown, MPP Taras Natyshak and all

municipalities in Ontario requesting they forward a letter of support to the Minister of Education, Premier, Leader of the Opposition Party and local MPP.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Should you require any further information regarding the above, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mary Masse', written in black ink.

Mary Masse  
Clerk

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Cc: Municipalities in Ontario