



January 30, 2017

Rose Caterini, City Clerk
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Re: Greenbelt of Ontario

Dear Ms. Caterini:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration meeting of the Council of the Township of Scugog held January 16, 2017 the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed and ratified at the Council meeting on January 23, 2017:

“WHEREAS Township of Scugog Council received and endorsed a staff report entitled “Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review – Township of Scugog Comments”, dated October 17, 2016 as the Township’s comments in response to the Provincial Land Use Planning Review; and

WHEREAS the Staff report recommended, among other matters, that a new financial arrangement is needed for those local municipalities that comprise the Greenbelt such as in the form of provincial grants to compensate local municipalities for the reduced ability to increase their assessment through growth; and

WHEREAS the Staff report recommended, among other matters, that a provincial working group be established to examine the financial implications associated with being located in the Greenbelt and identifying appropriate mitigation measures for predominantly rural municipalities such as Scugog; and

WHEREAS the Mayor for the Township of Scugog forwarded a letter dated December 5, 2016, to Hazel McCallion, Ex-Officio Advisor to the Premier on Issues within the GTHA, requesting that the GTHA Mayors and Chairs Report on the Provincial Co-ordinated Land Use

Planning Review include a provision which indicates that a sustainable funding arrangement (such as redirecting a portion of the carbon tax to Greenbelt municipalities based on their percentage and total land area included in the Greenbelt) is absolutely necessary to support the financial viability of the rural road networks throughout the GTHA's Greenbelt municipalities; and

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Scugog recommends initiating a provincial working group, and Councillor Kett be designated as the lead, to examine the financial implications associated with being located in the Greenbelt and identifying appropriate mitigation measures, to take the form of a Greenbelt Sustainability Caucus comprising two representatives from each of the GTHA's Greenbelt Communities; and

THAT the resolution be circulated to all Greenbelt municipalities for consideration and endorsement."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Best regards,



John Paul Newman
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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