



April 8, 2013

Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council adopted the following resolution:

15. Changes to Heads and Beds Legislation and to Develop a Legal Position around the Heads and Beds Payment

WHEREAS post-secondary institutions, hospitals and provincial institutions are exempt from paying property taxes to municipalities under provincial law and instead pay a fixed amount set by the provincial government; and

WHEREAS the amount of the "heads and beds" payment is \$75 per head or bed and this amount has not been changed by the province since 1987; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford passed a motion on February 21, 2012 with respect to the "heads and beds" payment asking the provincial government to increase the amount it sets for this payment to make this amount equivalent to the taxes that would be collected if the properties were taxable by the municipality; and

WHEREAS communities across Ontario have come together to advocate for this important provincial policy change and efforts to have the provincial government review the "heads and beds" amount have not met with any positive responses to date; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford:

- authorize staff to pursue changes to the heads and beds legislation with coordination determined by the group of Mayors; and
- collaborate with the City of Kingston's legal staff and other interested municipalities on developing a legal position around the "heads and beds" payment.

AND FURTHER, THAT this motion BE CIRCULATED to all municipalities in Ontario that have universities, colleges and hospitals requesting their Councils to show their support for this important policy change.

In keeping with Council's direction, a copy of this resolution is being circulated to all Ontario municipalities that have universities, colleges and hospitals with a request that those municipalities show their support for this important policy change.

Your consideration of this important matter is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Wolfe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lori Wolfe
City Clerk