



TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

January 16, 2018

All Ontario Municipalities

VIA EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: ALLOCATE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING DEDICATED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

At their meeting of November 7, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

Councillor Wilder moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

WHEREAS weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged precipitation is now becoming more frequent and regular;

WHEREAS there is an increased chance of flooding, as result of excessive and prolonged precipitation;

WHEREAS municipalities are now faced with the reality that significant storm water management and drainage infrastructure improvements are required to mitigate against flooding, which will come at a significant cost;

WHEREAS it is not feasible for municipalities to pass along the costs of all storm water management and drainage improvements onto property owners through property tax increases or drainage assessments;

WHEREAS municipalities are almost entirely reliant upon property taxes for their funding needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have recognized the need for infrastructure investments and have promised funding for these investments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario prioritize funding allocations according to the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times, within a 1 year period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, all Members of Parliament, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse
Clerk

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cc: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
cc: Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
cc: Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
cc: Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada
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