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SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable William Francis Morneau
Minister of Finance
90 Elgin Street
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Dear Minister of Finance Morneau:

**RE: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

At its Special Council meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020, the Council of the Town of Lincoln approved the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor P. MacPherson

WHEREAS that the COVID-19 pandemic has created a global crisis;

AND WHEREAS towns, cities and communities are major economic drivers across Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) on April 23, 2020 released its position, and called on all orders of government to work together in partnership, starting with an appeal to national leadership and stating that municipalities face challenges supporting isolation and good health among vulnerable populations;

AND WHEREAS, the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) passed a resolution on April 28, 2020 stating that running deficits as a way to manage municipal financial challenges as a result of the pandemic is not in the public interest, and asked for emergency operating funding to keep critical services running;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Lincoln has expanded fiscal relief measures to ease the burden for businesses and residents and strategically plan for recovery for long-term sustainability;

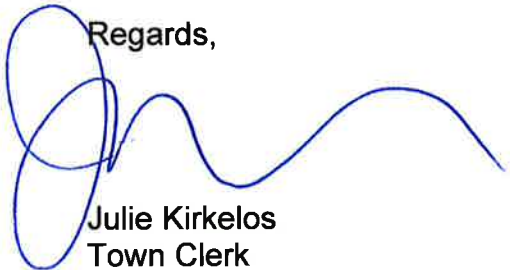
AND WHEREAS that staff continue to explore ways to assist Lincoln residents and businesses as well as continue to pursue advocacy with various levels of government as they experience and manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Lincoln has an obligation to run an effective, fiscally responsible and trusted local government, the intent of the Town's fiscal relief efforts are to support the community during the pandemic while not losing sight of long-term sustainability, which is critical to the development of an achievable and affordable long-term financial and resource strategy.

AND WHEREAS that the Council of the Town of Lincoln request emergency funding be administered to municipalities to assist with relief efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln support the positions of FCM and LUMCO in calling for support to municipalities, and that this be shared with local Niagara MP's and MPP's, the Federal Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario, as well as the Niagara Region and the Niagara Region Local Area Municipalities.

Regards,



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cc: The Honourable Rod Philips, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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