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February 14, 2023

**Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education**

Ministry of Education  
315 Front Street West, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

RE: Ontario School Board Elections

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Dear Minister Lecce,

At its Regular Meeting on February 6, 2023, Council received correspondence from the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections in Ontario. Through discussion, Council determined that organizing, hosting, and promoting School Board Elections requires an extensive use of municipal resources and co-ordination. It was further discussed that the act of conducting School Board Elections, without compensation or re-imbursement, places a significant financial burden on municipalities.

As a result of that discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**R23-02-034**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shepley  
Seconded by: Councillor Allard

**That** the correspondence dated January 23, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Town of Petrolia, the Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Anthony Leardi, the County of Essex and all other municipalities.

**Carried**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Brown".

**Shelley Brown**

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All 444 Municipalities of Ontario

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education  
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton  
County of Lambton  
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

***Via email***

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark      Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbursement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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