

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 123

APRIL 12 2023

Moved by: B. Bishop

Seconded by: John Hetherington

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.2 Town of Essex 'The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales';

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried ✓ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Dunnett

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



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### Honourable Steve Clark

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

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Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

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

#### **R23-03-081**

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

**That** Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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

#### **Shelley Brown**

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