



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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May 8, 2023

RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 2, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230502-011 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Shuniah respecting support of resolution respecting municipalities retaining surplus records from tax sales, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rick Byers, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities."

any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of Shuniah – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds Tax Sales Resolution

Cc. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Apr 11, 2023

Resolution No.: 138-23

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council receive and support the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all other Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



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Honourable Steve Clark

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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March 22, 2023

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

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

Acting Clerk

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