

Resolution #118-2023

Motion Details

Moved by Barry McGibbon, Seconded by Mary Kavanagh

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft supports the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and

FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

		RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
		Mayor Paul Jenkins		
1		Deputy Mayor Charles Mullet		
		Councillor George Eastman		
CARRIED:	/	Councillor Barry McGibbon		
TABLED:		Councillor Tracy McGibbon		
DEFEATED:		Councillor Valerie Miles		
RECORDED VOTE (SEE LEFT):		Councillor Mary Kavanagh		

CHARLES MULLETT, DEPUTY MAYOR

JENNIFER PEPLINSKI, ACTING CLERK

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Charles Mullet

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March 22, 2023

Honourabale Steve Clark

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

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 It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds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,

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Shelley Brown Acting Clerk sbrown@essex.ca

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All other municipalities in Ontario