

**From:** Ashley Sloan

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:25 PM

**Cc:** Loriann Harbers

**Subject:** Township of South Stormont Council Resolution - Provincial Review of OMPF

Good afternoon,

In light of the review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) announced by the Provincial government, the Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution at its meeting of February 20, 2019:

Resolution Number: 047/2019

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith    Seconded by: Councillor Guindon

Whereas the Provincial government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments to help offset operating and capital costs;

And whereas Municipalities were further advised that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease having a significant impact on future budgets and how funds are raised by Municipalities as funding will be reduced by an unspecified amount;

And whereas if allocations to municipalities are reduced, Councils will need to compensate with property tax increases or local service reductions;

And whereas, the 2018 South Stormont allocation was **\$821,700**, which is equivalent to **14%** of the Township's municipal property tax revenue;

And whereas, a 14% increase in the municipal property tax rate would increase the municipal component of property taxes paid for an average household by **\$129 per year**;

And whereas the Township of South Stormont prides itself on efficient and value for money practices every day;

Now therefore be it resolved that although an interim payment has been received, Council of the Township of South Stormont expresses grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years;

And further, Council petitions the Provincial government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures municipal sustainability;

And furthermore, that this resolution be circulated to the Premier, Ministers of Finance, Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MPP and all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

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Your endorsement and support of this resolution would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Clerk's Assistant  
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