Good afternoon,

The Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands passed the following resolution at it’s April 3rd Council meeting in regards to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF):

Resolution Number: 2019-200

Moved By Deputy Mayor Desai  Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

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 Grey Highlands allocation was $1,068,000 which is equivalent to 10.08% of the Township’s municipal property tax revenue; and

Whereas the Municipality of Grey Highlands 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 Municipality of Grey Highlands 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.

Your endorsement and support of this resolution would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk