

May 23, 2019

The Honourable Victor Fedeli
Ontario Minister of Finance
Frost Building S, 7th Flr,
7 Queen's Park Cres
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Fedeli,

Re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2019 and the following resolution was passed:

"Resolution #7(b)/05/21/19

Councillor Peppard and Councillor Godard

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the Province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The program, that primarily supports northern and rural municipalities, is a critical component of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship. Since 2012, grant allocations have decreased from \$598M to \$505M in 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government has committed to consult with municipalities in 2019 regarding the future of the OMPF. The goal of this review is to ensure that the program remains sustainable and focused on the northern and rural municipalities that need this funding the most. Reductions in the funding have a significant impact on municipal finances, with the loss of revenue typically being made up through increased tax levies. This has the potential of adversely affecting housing affordability in the affected municipalities and is contrary to the Province's stated goal of improving housing affordability;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays receives the correspondence from the Town of Mono regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) be maintained at not less than its current funding level;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council endorses and supports that the OMPF be maintained at not less than its current funding level;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried”

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Michelle Percival, *CMO, CMMIII*
Chief Administrative Officer

c.c: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
All Ontario Municipalities
Fred Simpson, Deputy Clerk, Town of Mono
Tom Gefucia, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Township of Lake of Bays

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