

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,

Ashley Sloan

Clerk's Assistant
Marriage Officiant



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Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores agrees with both Parks and Recreation Ontario and with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario that the infrastructure gap will continue to grow, especially once all of the municipal asset plans are completed; and

Whereas both the Federal and Provincial Government could leave a positive and lasting impact on rural communities by helping municipalities to renovate or build new Recreation Facilities, and in the process create cost savings to our health system. After all, health is a Provincial expense, and as citizens live healthier lifestyles and maintain healthy bodies, this leads to less frequent visits to doctors' offices, hospital emergency departments and rehabilitation centres, and consequently less costs towards medical costs; and

Whereas in 2016 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities study found that nearly half of all types of sport and recreation facilities in Canada are in fair or poor condition, with a replacement value of \$23 billion across Canada; and

Whereas in Ontario, the replacement value for aging pools, arenas and community centres in fair or poor condition in Ontario is estimated to be \$6 billion (Parks and Recreation Ontario); and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has endorsed the Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing; and that the vision for the Framework is "a Canada where everyone is engaged in meaningful, accessible recreation experiences..." and that the first goal of the Framework is that governments should enable participation in physically active recreation; and

Whereas the Framework for Recreation in Canada has as priority 4.3 as follows: "Enable communities to renew Recreational Infrastructure as required and to meet the need for green spaces by securing dedicated government funding at all levels.... for the necessary development, renewal and rehabilitation of facilities and outdoor spaces"; and

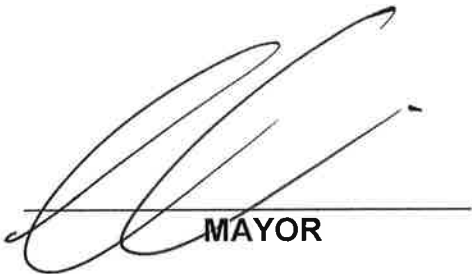
Whereas through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada is investing over \$180 billion over 12 years in Infrastructure projects across Canada with these investments being made by 14 Federal Departments and Agencies; and

Whereas the Governments of Canada and Ontario signed a bi-lateral agreement on March 14th, 2017 and created the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan”; and be it

Resolved that the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario move forward with accepting applications for funding agreed to by the Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario under the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” to help address the Recreation and Culture Capital Infrastructure deficit that currently exists across Canada; and

Further, that this resolution and background Council Report be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Government’s, local MP’s and MPP’s, Parks and Recreation Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting their support.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



MAYOR

DIVISION OF RECORDED VOTE

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CHARBONNEAU				
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