



TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

January 22, 2018

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: POPULATION GROWTH PROJECTIONS

At their meeting of January 16, 2018 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

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Councillor Wilder moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

That:

WHEREAS municipalities are required to create and implement master plans and asset management plans, as part of prudent financial planning;

WHEREAS population growth projections and estimates are a key foundational component, relied upon in creating master plans and asset management plans, as part of prudent financial planning;

WHEREAS population growth projections and estimates are simply estimates of future events, often several years into the future, and are highly susceptible to ultimately being inaccurate, due to changes in circumstances, such as economic conditions and housing patterns;

WHEREAS both upper-tier municipalities and lower-tier municipalities often prepare their own growth projections and estimates, which can result in a significant discrepancy between their respective, anticipated population numbers in future years;

WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities are essentially forced to accept and rely upon upper-tier municipalities growth projections and estimates, regardless of whether those projections and estimates reflect reality; and

WHEREAS inaccurate growth projections and estimates, negatively impacts municipal financial planning, resulting in significant financial difficulties for municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to grant more autonomy to lower-tier municipalities, to adopt and rely upon their own growth projections and estimates, especially for financial planning purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to create a mechanism, whereby lower-tier municipalities can more easily dispute growth projections and estimates of upper-tier municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to require upper-tier municipalities to update growth projections and estimates, when reality indicates that the previous projections and estimates are inaccurate and unreliable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse
Clerk

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cc: Hon. Patrick Brown, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of New Democratic Party
cc: Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario
cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
cc: Via Email - All Ontario Municipalities