



TOWN OF LAKESHORE

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

January 22, 2018

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

RE: MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE

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

577-01-2018 Councillor Wilder moved and Councillor McKinlay seconded:

It is recommended that:

WHEREAS marijuana will soon be available for purchase through retail outlets in Canada;

WHEREAS the sale of marijuana will generate new tax revenues;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have been actively discussing how to distribute the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have thus far not agreed to distribute any of the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana to municipalities directly;

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for critical infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, water treatment and delivery of potable water;

WHEREAS municipalities face a significant challenge in funding critical infrastructure projects and have limited options for increasing revenues, aside from raising property taxes, which negatively impacts all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, could be used to help offset infrastructure costs for municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to create a fund, similar to the Gas Tax Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, from the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana, to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, all Members of Parliament, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Yours truly,



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Clerk

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cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
cc: Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
cc: Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
cc: Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada
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: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
cc: Via Email - All Ontario Municipalities