

April 06, 2022

Sent via email

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Mr. Trudeau:

Re: Resolution # 2022-241 – HST rebate on new homes in Ontario

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the April 06, 2022 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2022-241

Paul Allen, Dane Nielsen

Whereas attainable housing has been a concern of hopeful homeowners for many years; and

Whereas attainable housing is a priority of all levels of government; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario will rebate a portion of the provincial part of HST paid for a house to a maximum of \$24,000 if HST was paid on the land, or \$16,080 if HST was not paid on the land regardless of the fair market value of the house; and

Whereas the Government of Canada will rebate a portion of the federal part of HST paid for a house only if the fair market value is under \$450,000; and

Whereas the average fair market value of a new home in Ontario is well above the \$450,000 threshold; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands requests that the Federal government remove or increase the \$450,000 fair market value threshold to reflect today's housing costs; and

That council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker, Provincial and Federal Finance Ministers, The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, Grey Bruce Home Builders and Trades Association, Ontario Home Builders Association and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED.

The Municipality of Grey Highlands

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If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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cc. Premier, Doug Ford
MP, Alex Ruff
MPP, Bill Walker
Federal Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland
Provincial Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario
Grey Bruce Home Builders' Association
Ontario Home Builders' Association
All Municipalities in Ontario