

Municipal Services Committee Meeting – May 27, 2024

Agenda Item #11.3

Notice of Motion: Councillor Dunfield: Housing Funding

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Be it resolved, that the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes supports Resolution #2024-95 from Loyalist Township calling on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes.

April 24, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Motion regarding Housing Funding

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of April 23, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-95

Moved by Councillor Willis
Seconded by Councillor Ennis

WHEREAS Loyalist Township is in need of \$4,375,000 in funding to complete the Peak Flow Equalization and Headworks Upgrades at the Amherstview Water Pollution Control Plant in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Loyalist Township;

AND WHEREAS the Township cannot afford to increase Water or Sewer rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS increased Debt to build the project will just increase costs to Water and Sewer rates, or increased costs to developers;

AND WHEREAS Loyalist Township is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens;



AND WHEREAS Peak Flow Equalization and Headworks Upgrades at the Amherstview Water Pollution Control Plant are projected to accommodate 1889 new residential units to be completed, 607 which are shovel ready;

AND WHEREAS Loyalist Township is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

AND WHEREAS Loyalist Township is submitting an application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$825M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

AND WHEREAS additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loyalist Township calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be asked to prioritize funding from the \$825M Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund to municipalities without housing targets that are not eligible for funding under the Building Faster Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister for Housing, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP of Hastings-Lennox and Addington and Ric Bresee MPP of Hastings-Lennox and Addington, and all municipalities, for their support.
Motion carried.



Sincerely,

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cc: the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister for Housing
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ministry of Infrastructure
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP Hastings - Lennox and Addington
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox and Addington
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township
Councillor Ennis, Loyalist Township
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