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Subject: Resolution 2024-009 - AMO Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy,

Please find a resolution passed on January 24, 2024, at the United Counties of Prescott and Russell Regular Council Meeting.

The Province of Ontario, in collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, is being encouraged by the Council Members to undertake a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

It was further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

Regards,

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Resolution
Regular Council Meeting



Agenda Number: 6.7
Resolution Number: 2024-009
Title: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Moved by Mario Zanth
Seconded by Geneviève Lajoie

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges, like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers, and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended

Mélissa Cadieux, Clerk