



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Council Correspondence

December 31, 2021

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December 22, 2021

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

Re: Supporting small business

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of our 60,000 members and 157 chambers of commerce and boards of trade to request further supports for small business.

Newly imposed restrictions intended to control the spread of the Omicron variant have left countless small businesses on the verge of collapse. Nearly two years into this pandemic, it is imperative that any further public health restrictions that inhibit business activity are accompanied by targeted relief and support programs, including loan forgiveness and extensions on payment terms for small businesses. Federally, many supports have been greatly reduced, and provincial ones have expired, leaving businesses to fully absorb rising operating expenses, including rent and electricity.

Many businesses have suffered greatly throughout this crisis and continue to face unprecedented cash flow constraints and uncertainty as the impacts of the pandemic continue to hobble the economy. In addition, due to travel restrictions and the prolonged closure of the US-Canada border, tourism has been at an all-time low, disproportionately impacting some sectors and regions of our province. **We, therefore, ask your government to consider supports that have expired such as grants, targeted programs, and other direct measures to support impacted businesses and their workers.**

No business, region, sector, or demographic should be left behind in the pursuit of economic recovery and growth. Support programs and pro-growth policies should be targeted towards those experiencing the most pronounced challenges. There has been significant public-private collaboration throughout the pandemic and our small business owners need your support now.

Sincerely,



Rocco Rossi
President and CEO
Ontario Chamber of Commerce

December 22, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Supporting small business

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing on behalf of our 60,000 members and 157 chambers of commerce and boards of trade to request further supports for small business and a long-term plan to improve business confidence.

Newly imposed restrictions intended to control the spread of the Omicron variant have left countless small businesses on the verge of collapse. Nearly two years into this pandemic, it is imperative that any further public health restrictions that inhibit business activity are accompanied by targeted relief and support programs, including loan forgiveness and extensions on payment terms for small businesses. Provincially, many targeted supports ended months ago, and federally, they have been greatly reduced, leaving businesses to fully absorb rising operating expenses, including rent and electricity.

Many businesses have suffered greatly throughout this crisis and continue to face unprecedented cash flow constraints and uncertainty as the impacts of the pandemic continue to hobble the economy. In addition, due to travel restrictions and the prolonged closure of the US-Canada border, tourism has been at an all-time low, disproportionately impacting some sectors and regions of our province. **We, therefore, ask your government to consider further grants, targeted support programs, and other direct measures to support impacted businesses and their workers.**

The rapid rise of Omicron was unexpected as we were all looking forward to Ontario's reopening. As current and future variants will continue to hamper economic activity, we call on the Government of Ontario to reduce uncertainty for business by developing a long-term plan that outlines how the Province intends to respond to the next stages of the pandemic and support those impacted by public health measures. Clarity and transparency on specific metrics that inform the government's decision to impose or ease restrictions are paramount for business confidence and continuity.

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December 13, 2021

RE: Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

At the meeting held on December 8, 2021, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cufaro

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential school and advance the process of reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur has reviewed the Calls to Action directed at municipal government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur take the following actions to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action directed at municipal government;

- THAT Council supports the implementation of Jordan's Principal;
- THAT Council permanently waives administrative fees related to name changes and revision of official documents for residential school survivors;
- THAT Council requests an update from the Central West Local Health Integration Network and Headwaters Health Care Centre to provide an update on the steps taken to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #23 and encourage cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals in Dufferin County be completed by the end of 2022;
- THAT Council further calls for the Ontario Government to take action on addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #23;
- THAT Council requests an update from the Caledon Dufferin Victim Services on the steps taken to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to

Action #40 to create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services in Dufferin County;

- THAT Council further calls for the Ontario Government to take action on addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #40, specifically making these programs and services available within Aboriginal communities;
- THAT Council calls upon the Ontario Government to take action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #43 and move forward with passing Bill 76, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act;
- THAT Council commits to ensuring that Mulmur's policies and bylaws do not rely on the colonial concepts of terra nullius;
- THAT Council commits to providing the National Council for Reconciliation, annual reports and current data as requested;
- THAT Council commits to providing skill-based training and/or information sessions including but not limited to intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights and anti-racism for all elected officials, residents and staff of the Township of Mulmur;
- THAT Council requests an update from the Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board and Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir on the steps taken to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #64;
- THAT Council recognizes the recent funding and commitment made by the Ontario Government to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action #62 and #63 and urges the Ontario Government to also address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #64 by including curriculum on comparative religious studies in denominational schools;
- THAT Council further their commitment to commemorating the legacy of residential schools and honouring residential school survivors by annually recognizing September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;
- THAT Council open the first Council meeting in September each year with a moment of silence to pay respect to the innocent lives lost within the Canadian Residential School system;
- THAT Council direct staff to work in collaboration with the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle to encourage Dufferin County residents to share their

stories with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Mulmur Township and local libraries;

- THAT Council direct staff to request educational materials from the Museum of Dufferin, Indigenous Sport & Wellness Ontario, and/or other applicable agencies for distribution to Mulmur residents telling the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history;
- THAT Council direct staff to amend the Community Grant Policy to include a section to support Aboriginal athletic development/growth and support for the North American Indigenous Games and encourage the Ontario Government to provide financial support;

THEREFORE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED THAT this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, Ministry of Education, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services, Central West Local Health Integration Network, Headwaters Health Care Centre, Local Libraries, Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board, Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir, Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Dufferin County and all Ontario municipalities.

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Boxem	Y	
Councillor Clark	Y	
Councillor Cufaro	Y	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Y	
Mayor Horner	Y	

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planner Coordinator
Township of Mulmur



December 15, 2021

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Province-Wide Assessment Update

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on December 14th, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2021-12-20

“WHEREAS, the government of Ontario recently announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years;

AND WHEREAS, this means that property values will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date until at least 2024;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tay Valley Township is aware of the important increase in property values throughout the province and within its own jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, the continued postponement of property valuation translates into a significant loss of taxation revenue for Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township urges the government of Ontario to reconsider its decision and to direct MPAC to proceed with a province-wide assessment update in order for Ontario Municipalities to be able to collect property taxes based upon actual property values;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Scott Reid, MP, Randy Hillier, MPP, MPAC, AMO and to all Ontario municipalities.”

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo

Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk

cc: Scott Reid, MP, Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark – Frontenac - Kingston
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities