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Council Correspondence

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December 15, 2020

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Dear Mayor Provenzano:

Our government is committed to supporting municipal transit, and we will continue to champion the needs of our municipal partners and transit users as we collectively fight against the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Together with our federal partners, the Province is working to help municipalities mitigate the financial impacts of the pandemic on their transit systems through the provision of Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) funding for public transit.

This letter is to provide your municipality with an update on funding for Phase 2 of the SRA program.

Phase 2 allocations reflect a program envelope of \$1.5 billion. The envelope includes Phase 1 funding already provided, Phase 1 top-up funding and Phase 2 funding. This approach better aligns Phase 2 allocations with the financial impacts that were reported through Phase 1 of SRA, while allowing the Province to assist municipalities with higher than anticipated COVID-related impacts.

As for Phase 1 of the SRA program, municipal funding allocations under the program will continue to be based on a formula of transit ridership, plus a base amount of \$40,000 applied to each total program allocation, to provide meaningful support for municipal transit systems of all sizes.

In response to the need to have a confirmed funding commitment in place in order to accrue revenue for the 2020 municipal fiscal year, and in support of this, I am pleased to share that the **City of Sault Ste. Marie** ("Recipient") will be eligible to receive an allocation of up to **\$1,530,408** to support your COVID-19 municipal transit pressures for Phase 2, incurred from October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Payments are to be based on a one-time claim for eligible expenditures.

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Additionally, the Province has set aside \$500 million in funding to be available for additional municipal transit needs. I am pleased to share that the **City of Sault Ste. Marie** ("Recipient") will be eligible to receive an allocation of up to **\$904,716** to address additional pressures based on ridership.

Please note as part of the Phase 1 reporting submission, the **City of Sault Ste. Marie** forecasted a financial impact from COVID-19 in the amount of \$404,411 for the period of October to December 2020, and the amount of \$425,757 for the period of January to March 2021. For budgeting purposes, the total available allocation of up to **\$2,435,124** for the **City of Sault Ste. Marie** can be used to address eligible expenses incurred from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and those incurred from January 1, 2021. This accounts for the entirety of the Phase 2 public transit stream of the SRA.

Eligible Expenditures

Like Phase 1, eligible expenditures under Phase 2 of the SRA funding program include both COVID-19 related financial pressures (losses) associated with the need to continue to operate with reduced revenue, as well as new expenditures resulting from COVID-19. The losses and new expenditures will have to be incurred on or after October 1, 2020 and on or before March 31, 2021, and the new expenditures will have to be paid prior to having submitted to the Province for payment through your municipality's Phase 2 reporting submission.

For the categories below, your municipality will also have to consider savings associated with COVID-19 (e.g., reduced service levels, lower maintenance costs, etc.) as these savings will need to be included as part of your municipality's Phase 2 reporting submission. The Province will only provide funding for net municipal expenditures (i.e., net COVID-related financial impacts above budgeted 2020 expenditures). The SRA funding is not to replace the budgeted subsidy that the municipality provides to transit operations.

Reported revenue and expense impacts include those changes (increases/decreases) resulting from COVID-19, measured versus projected figures from your municipal transit system's 2020 operating budget. Please note that this also applies to eligible expenditures incurred between January 1 and March 31, 2021, for which period municipalities can use their January to March 2020 operating budgets as a baseline for establishing COVID-related impacts.

Eligible expenditures will include, at the Province's sole discretion, the following:

a. Revenue Losses:

- farebox revenue losses;
- advertising revenue losses;
- parking revenue losses;
- contract revenue losses; and
- any other revenue loss the Recipient incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that, in the opinion of the Province, is considered eligible.

b. Operating Costs:

- costs associated with vehicle cleaning, except for those for which MTEC funds have been provided or claimed;
- costs associated with changes in fuel consumption (e.g., increases due to running additional buses or savings in consumption relating to lower service levels than budgeted, or both);
- costs associated with vehicle maintenance;
- costs associated with transit facilities;
- costs resulting from existing contracts with expanded scope/new contracts;
- employee related costs (i.e., salaries, wages, benefits);
- costs for employee personal protection equipment (e.g., face masks, gloves, sanitizer);
- costs for signage and other means of communications related to COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., social distance guidance); and
- any other operating cost the Recipient incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that, in the opinion of the Province, is considered eligible.

c. Capital Costs:

- costs associated with installing driver protection barriers and other protection measures for transit drivers;
- costs associated with providing passenger protection equipment and other passenger safety measures; and
- any other capital cost the Recipient incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that, in the opinion of the Province, is considered eligible.

The following are the steps and actions the municipality will be required to undertake to receive SRA Phase 2 funding:

1. Confirmation of interest in seeking SRA Phase 2 funding

- If your municipality is interested in seeking SRA Phase 2 funding, please complete the attached Request for Recipient Information Form and send it back via email to the SRA funding program email account (**MTO-COVID_Transit_Funding@ontario.ca**) **as soon as possible**.

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2. Execution of the TPA

- MTO will prepare the TPA and send it to your municipality for execution by the municipality's authorized representatives prior to Provincial execution of the TPA.
- This process will be carried out electronically and, once fully executed, an electronic version of the TPA will be provided to your municipality.

3. Provision of an authorizing by-law and, if applicable, resolution(s)

- Prior to the Province signing the TPA, the municipality will be required to provide MTO with a copy of the by-law(s) and, if applicable, resolution(s) authorizing the municipality to enter into the TPA with the Province.
- This requirement must be fulfilled prior to the Ministry providing funding to the municipality.

4. Provision of Phase 2 financial reporting

- The municipality will be required to provide a report for the eligible expenditures incurred during the Phase 2 eligibility period. The deadline for submitting Phase 2 financial reporting will be set out in the TPA.
- Once received, MTO will review the report and may initiate the payment of SRA Phase 2 funding.

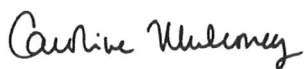
All communications for the above noted steps, as well as any questions or concerns, should be addressed to the SRA funding program email account:

MTO-COVID_Transit_Funding@ontario.ca

Should you not wish to receive SRA Phase 2 funding, we ask that you please advise us by return email to the address above.

I look forward to working with you as we proceed together with the execution of a TPA in support of addressing COVID-19 related financial impacts on municipal public transit.

Sincerely,



Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

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127-2020-14553

December 16, 2020

Dear Municipal Partner:

Last December, I invited stakeholders to participate in consultations to inform the development of a new five-year poverty reduction strategy.

I am pleased to announce the release of *Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario (2020-2025)*. In this new five-year strategy, we set out a vision for an Ontario where everyone can participate to their full potential in their communities and achieve greater independence, stability and, wherever possible, long-term job success to support themselves and their families. I want to extend my sincere thanks to those who contributed to the development of our strategy to reduce poverty in Ontario.

Through the consultation process, we heard from people across the province about their community's experiences with poverty. We received more than 2,500 survey responses and over 280 submissions and had additional engagement with Indigenous partners and municipal committees. As our consultations came to a close, Ontario was faced with one of its greatest challenges, the COVID-19 outbreak that led to an unprecedented economic downturn that continues to deeply impact our communities.

Reducing and preventing poverty is a goal that is even more important in the context of the health, social and economic challenges resulting from COVID-19. Building on the government's COVID-19 response, the strategy connects initiatives across government, identifying actions that will help stabilize peoples' lives, connect them with employment, training, health, mental health and housing supports to set them on a pathway to jobs and financial stability. The Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Plan and Employment Services Transformation are the cornerstone initiatives of the strategy, supported by others like the *Roadmap to Wellness*, Ontario's mental health and addictions strategy.

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As we move forward with the strategy's implementation over the next five years, I look forward to listening to and working with municipalities, community partners, the federal government, the private sector and Indigenous partners to create an Ontario where everyone can participate in their communities to their full potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Todd Smith
Minister

INITIAL VACCINATION APPROACH, AG ANNUAL REPORT AND WETLAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

December 7, 2020

Ontario Approach on Key Populations to Vaccinate First

The Ontario government is getting ready to distribute COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they are received, beginning with vaccinating vulnerable populations and those who care for them. As recommended by the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force, the Province has now identified key populations to receive the vaccine first, including long-term care and retirement home residents and the staff who provide care to these groups. The government has stated that this approach is informed by science and prioritizes population groups that are at greatest risks of COVID-19.

Groups to receive the early vaccine doses in the first few months of the Ontario immunization program will include:

- residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings (e.g. long-term care homes and retirement homes) that provide care for seniors as they are at higher risk of infection and serious illness from COVID-19;
- health care workers, including hospital employees, other staff who work or study in hospitals, and other health care personnel;
- adults in Indigenous communities, including remote communities where risk of transmission is high; and
- adult recipients of chronic home health care.

As well, the Province will be prioritizing the rollout of the vaccine in regions with the highest rates of COVID-19 infection, including those in the Red-Control and Lockdown zones. The immunization program will focus on health care workers and the most vulnerable populations in those regions.

It is expected that clarification on who comprises the group of staff who work/study in hospitals and other health care personnel will be provided shortly (i.e. inclusion of paramedics in this grouping).

We have been assured that as further information is available about the various type of vaccines and availability of doses, additional details related to the implementation of the COVID-19 immunization program will be provided by the Province.

Auditor General 2020 Annual Report

The Auditor General, Bonnie Lysyk, has released her reflections and the *2020 Annual Report*. It focuses on consumer protection, oversight, and operational effectiveness. The Report also includes follow up reports on recommendations from previous Annual Reports. The 13 value-for-money audits in the *2020 Annual Report* are summarized in this News Release. AMO staff will review the Report and follow up with any analysis from a municipal lens if required.

New Ontario Wetland Conservation Program

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has announced a new \$30 million, five-year Wetlands Conservation Partner Program to help create and restore wetlands in the Great Lakes watershed. In the first year, Ontario is providing \$6 million to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) focusing on restoration projects in the Lake Ontario and Lake Erie watersheds. Later years of the program will focus on wetlands in other Great Lakes watersheds and inland waterways. Wetlands help to improve water quality and to manage stormwater as well as play an important role in ecosystem health.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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SOCIAL SERVICES RELIEF FUNDING AND VACCINE ROLLOUT PLANNING

December 15, 2020

Province Allocates \$120 Million in Social Services Relief Funding

The Ontario government is allocating \$120 million in Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF). The funding will help municipal governments, District Social Service Administration Boards, and Indigenous community partners with their COVID-19 responses to protect the health and safety of vulnerable people. This includes the homeless and low-income people in Ontario's communities. Funds can be used to maintain critical services, protect people in shelters, expand housing options, and help support outbreak management planning. The total government allocation for the SSRF is \$510 million.

Vaccine Rollout Planning and Coordination

Some municipal CAOs/senior staff are reaching out now to their hospitals and public health units within their public health unit regions to set up vaccine rollout regional planning and coordination tables. These efforts can support the limited Phase 1 process now underway and help prepare for future steps in the vaccine rollout. Municipal staff may be able to assist in a number of ways such as public communications, providing facilities, aiding in transportation, managing parking and traffic control.

There will be a number of unexpected issues that arise throughout this distribution process and working together will allow quick local and coordinated problem solving and operational action when needed. We encourage the municipal sector to reach out now and assist your public health and health care partners to make 2021's vaccine distribution process as well planned, transparent, and seamless as is possible.

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COVID-19 MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL IMPACTS, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING EXPANSION, COVID-19 MODELLING AND EMERGENCY ORDERS EXTENDED, AND FALL LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

December 10, 2020

Financial Accountability Office Reports on Financial Impacts of COVID-19 on Ontario Municipalities

Today, the Financial Accountability Office (FAO) released its report on COVID-19 and Ontario's Municipal Finances, finding that the pandemic will ultimately result in a cost of \$6.8 billion in lost revenues and expenses for municipal governments. The report also affirms the importance of federal and provincial support through the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) which provides \$4 billion in critical assistance to municipalities which, together with municipal cost saving measures, has mitigated the negative financial impact in 2020. However, support in 2021 is limited to transit impacts in the first quarter.

The FAO report's conclusions are consistent with AMO's understanding of the pandemic's financial impact on municipalities and the importance of access to continued support to avoid service reductions, use of reserves for capital projects, increased property taxes, or resort to deficit budgets.

AMO responded to the report through a new release acknowledging the financial impacts and noting that AMO and FCM continue to advocate for the extension of the Safe Restart Agreement to address 2021 financial impacts.

Report Highlights:

COVID-19 Impact on Municipal Finances:

- COVID-19 will have a negative impact on municipal budgets of \$6.8 billion ultimately, projected to be \$4.1 billion in 2020 and \$2.7 billion in 2021.
- The pandemic reduced revenues by \$4.7 billion and will likely increase expenses by 2.1 billion over the two years.
- Municipalities saved of \$1.1 billion through layoffs, reduced transit, recreation services, and cancelled programming in 2020.
- The Safe Restart Agreement funding provided \$2 billion to municipalities to date. The remaining \$2 billion is to be provided for those able to demonstrate outstanding general operating pressures in 2020 and transit pressures in 2020 and Q1 of 2021.

2021 Implications:

- Together municipal cost savings and federal and provincial financial support have mitigated negative municipal budget impacts in 2020, but the projected \$2.7 billion (\$0.9 billion transit and \$1.8 billion operating) in 2021 will only be partially offset by SRA support.
- This may require municipalities to access reserves, the availability of which will vary throughout the sector; reduce services or other measures to contain costs; or reduce budget surpluses/run deficits to manage financial needs.

AMO has cautioned that service reductions or deferring capital investments because of COVID-19 cost pressures would have the affect of undermining Ontario's economic recovery.

Ontario Expanding Supportive Housing

The government announced it is expanding funding for Supportive Housing. Over \$47 million in investments will strengthen supports for individuals with mental health and addictions issues who are either homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. The initiative is part of the implementation of the Roadmap to Wellness plan.

COVID-19 Modelling and Emergency Order Extension

Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones, announced today that the Province would extend all Emergency Orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until January 20, 2021. These include orders related to the reopening stages and areas currently in lockdown.

Later in the day, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, released updated pandemic modelling showing growth in cases, ICU bed occupancy, and mortality. The modelling suggests that relaxing current public health restrictions would increase cases, ICU demand and mortality, and noted that current restrictions were much less restrictive on mobility than during the spring.

In addition, the presentation noted that inadequate housing, multi-generational housing, and the prevalence of essential workers outside of health care settings all presented risks for case growth.

Ontario Legislature Adjourned

The Fall session of the Legislature wrapped up on Tuesday. The next session will begin on February 16th, 2021.

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November 24, 2020

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development
& Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs
Whitney Block, Room 5630
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Dear Minister Rickford:

At its meeting of November 11, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 10 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018, which reads as follows:

10. Request for an Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementation of a Plan to Phase-Out Gas-Fired Electricity Generation (Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario is planning to increase reliance on gas-fired electricity generation from Ontario's gas-fired power plants, which is anticipated to increase greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040;

WHEREAS, Canada's temperature is rising more than double the rate of the rest of the world (which is in alignment with climate models and projections impacting northern climates most significantly);

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario will adversely impact more than a third of the greenhouse gas reductions it achieved by phasing-out its dirty coal-fired power plants, due to a power plan built around ramping up gas-fired generation to replace the output of the Pickering Nuclear Station (scheduled to close in 2024);

WHEREAS, alternative options are available to reversing short sighted cuts to energy efficiency programs and stop under-investing in this quick to deploy and low-cost resource, which include maximizing our energy efficiency efforts by paying up to the same price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for energy efficiency measures as we are currently paying for power from nuclear plants (e.g., up to 9.5 cents per kWh);

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario should continue to support renewable energy projects that have costs that are below what we are paying for nuclear power and work with communities to make the most of these economic opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has alternative options to increasing gas-fired electricity generation, such as the Province of Quebec's offer to receive low-cost 24/7 power from its water powered reservoir system as a possible alternative;

WHEREAS, a fossil-free electricity system is critically important to Hamilton's efforts to reduce GHG emissions by replacing fossil fuel use with electric vehicles, electric buses, electric heat pumps, and other steps dependent on a fossil-free electricity supply; and,

WHEREAS, our staff have noted this problem in their report on Updated Timelines and SMART Corporate Goals and Areas of Focus for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation where they warn that "Unless the Province of Ontario changes direction on Ontario's fuel supply mix, it is expected natural gas, and therefore GHG emissions, may continue to increase as the nuclear facilities are refurbished and the Province of Ontario further supplements the electricity grid with natural gas inputs";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton request the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 mega tonnes per year on our gas plant and greenhouse gas pollution and develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its climate targets; and,
- (b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, to the local MPP's, to the Region of Waterloo and local area municipalities.

Therefore, there City of Hamilton respectfully requests your consideration of this matter and looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Copied: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Andrea Horwath, Opposition Party Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario,
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November 24, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford and Members of Provincial Parliament,

At its meeting of November 11, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018, which reads as follows:

9. Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry plays a crucial role in the City's economy, as well as the livelihoods of residents, families and communities;

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry has been severely impacted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly due to substantially decreased indoor dining;

WHEREAS, restaurant owners have become increasingly dependent on delivery and take-out services for the viability of their businesses;

WHEREAS, restaurants are under pressure from high commission fees being charged by the major food delivery service apps;

WHEREAS, major cities throughout the United States have implemented temporary caps on the fees charged by food delivery service apps, as an option to assist the restaurant industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton does not have the authority to regulate food delivery service company fees or cap the fees that they charge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Provincial Parliament to ask that the Province implement a temporary cap on commissions for food service delivery companies; and,
- (b) That a copy of that request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

Therefore, the City of Hamilton respectfully requests your timely consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

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December 14, 2020

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Honourable Minister:

At the December 8th, 2019 session of The Town of Carleton Place Council, Resolution 1-132-10 was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted childcare options for nearly every family in our community and has profoundly increased the cost to operate safe childcare forcing childcare spaces or centres to close.

AND WHEREAS Ontario has among the highest average childcare fees of any Canadian province and while costs vary regionally for licensed childcare, families are paying between \$9,000 and \$20,000+ per year for each child and these costs continue to rise steadily which makes passing the associated COVID-19 costs to families not possible;

AND WHEREAS a 2012 study identified that in Ontario, public investment in the early years and childcare has a ripple effect in positive economic benefits resulting in an economic output of \$2.27 for every dollar invested in childcare;

AND WHEREAS the economic recovery of Carleton Place, Lanark County and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable childcare that incorporates early learning principles;

AND WHEREAS we are committed to working with the provincial government and childcare service managers to deliver positive and affordable options for our families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Carleton Place request the Government of Ontario:
 - a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;

- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
 - c. provide increased funding to childcare providers reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector; and
2. this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, Randy Hillier MPP, Scott Reid, MP, the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and the provincial Minister of Education.

CARRIED

We look forward to hearing back from you with respect to any opportunities for funding to ensure the long-term sustainability of the childcare services sector.

Sincerely,

Stacey Blair

Town Clerk

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- cc. Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Provincial Minister of Education
MP Scott Reid
MPP Randy Hillier
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

December 16, 2020

Via email: tfowkes@amherstburg.ca

Town of Amherstburg
Attention: Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk
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Dear Ms. Fowkes:

RE: Correspondence – AODA Website Compliance Extension Request

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2020, and the following was passed:

“Resolution #7(a)/12/15/20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the Resolution received by the Township of Amherstburg regarding Support for the AODA Compliance Extension Request, dated September 21, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Amherstburg, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Premier Doug Ford, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

September 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

The Right Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
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Re: AODA Website Compliance Extension Request

At its meeting of September 14, 2020, Council passed the following for your consideration:

Resolution # 20200914-281

- “1. **WHEREAS** Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021;
2. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services;
3. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible;
4. **AND WHEREAS** the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the municipality;
5. **AND WHEREAS** the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider the technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;
6. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; **AND**,
7. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.”

The impacts of the pandemic on municipal finances and resources affect the ability of municipalities to meet the January 1, 2021 deadline for full compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

We humbly request the Ontario government consider an extension request, in addition to financial support and training due to the unprecedented impacts of the global pandemic.

Regards,



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