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**Subject:** Support Needed for Fixing Municipal Funding - Soutien nécessaire pour réparer le financement municipal

Dear Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan and Councillors Ruth Anne McIlmoyl, Jim O'Shea, Colin McLellan,

I urge your council to support the resolution calling on the provincial government to undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

**Municipalities like ours provide essential services that people rely on every day, but the way we're funded is broken. Here's why:**

- **We're asked to do more with less.**
- **Property taxes can't keep up.**
- **Costs are rising while funding falls short.**

The province continues to offload more responsibilities onto municipalities without enough funding to cover the costs. Unlike income or sales taxes, property taxes don't grow with the economy or inflation. They are based on fixed property values and don't automatically increase as economic conditions change. This leaves municipalities struggling to fund services, while families, seniors, and small businesses shoulder an unsustainable burden.

**Our communities are being squeezed. Families and businesses are paying the price as we fight to maintain basic services. The system is broken, and it's time we fix it—property taxpayers can't keep carrying this weight alone.**

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is calling on the province to sit down with municipalities to review this funding system and find fair solutions. More than 150 municipalities have already joined this effort, and we have a chance to stand with them.

By passing this resolution, we're sending a clear message: enough is enough. It's time to fix this broken system and ensure fair funding for our communities.

**Supporting and sharing this resolution means advocating for a system that:**

- Invests in what people care about—housing, public safety, and essential services.
- Reduces the burden on property taxpayers.
- Gives municipalities the tools to meet their communities' needs.

**Let's stand up for the people who rely on us to fight for their future. Be part of the solution by supporting this resolution and helping spread the message. Together, we can create real, lasting change.**

Included in the attachments are resources like a draft resolution, a detailed review, and a one-pager to help your council take action.

For more details, visit: <https://www.amo.on.ca/policy/social-and-economic-prosperity-review>

Sincerely,

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**Mayor/Mairesse**

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