

October 21, 2024

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

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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of September 11, 2024, Re: AMO Policy Update – Call to Action: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 11, 2024, and Council passed the following resolution:

**Moved by:** Councillor Upton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Acton

**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 – can't 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.

**NOW THEREFORE 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; and

**THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), and to all York Region Municipalities.

**Carried**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Kind regards,

*Monica Beattie*

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Copy: Hon. Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All York Region Municipalities

