



VIA EMAIL

May 28, 2019

Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON
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Dear C. Raynor:

RE: Regional Government Review- Town of East Gwillimbury Motion

For your information and records, at its regular meeting held on May 22, 2019 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight regional municipalities (Durham, Halton, Muskoka District, Niagara, Oxford County, Peel, Waterloo, York), the County of Simcoe, and their lower-tier municipalities by appointed Special Advisors; and

WHEREAS, the provincially appointed Special Advisors are to provide advice and develop recommendations for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purpose of improving governance, decision-making and service delivery in the eight regions and Simcoe County and their lower-tier municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) informed its members last August, that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing began informal discussions on regional governance review, wishing to hear from municipalities about how this system of governance is working recognizing it was established in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, the provincially appointed Special Advisors have included within the scope of their review, consideration of moving to single-tier municipalities or amalgamating existing municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Gwillimbury has an effective and efficient Council, with only seven elected members (with the Mayor sitting as the one Regional Council member for East Gwillimbury) to support and advocate for the needs of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Gwillimbury is well managed, governed effectively, and has a high priority on fiscal responsibility, with no municipal debt while consistently providing high quality, efficient programs and services for our residents and businesses and;

WHEREAS, the Town of East Gwillimbury is committed to a culture of innovation and partnership and have demonstrated fiscal responsibility by delivering direct and accountable services through shared service agreements and partnerships with other municipalities in an effort to realize efficiencies through economies of scale for cost effective delivery of services such as the Northern Six (N6) Waste Collection Contract; Animal Services and Fire Protection Agreements, as key examples;

WHEREAS, the Town of East Gwillimbury has also successfully partnered with other levels of government including school boards, Conservation Authorities and the Province for shared capital infrastructure, service delivery and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Gwillimbury welcomes all opportunities to improve both Regional and local municipal service delivery and achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings for all East Gwillimbury and York taxpayers and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, York Region's municipal structure provides for Regional services throughout all local York municipalities, resulting in cost-effective, quality services that respond to the needs of the local municipalities and citizens, such as Children's and Court Services, Housing, Long Term Care, Paramedic and Police Services, Public Health, Social Assistance, Public Transit, Water and Waste Treatment, to name a few; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is recognized and factual that York Region was formed, effective January 1, 1971, at which time resulted in the consolidation of fourteen (14) former municipalities (previously under 'York County') into nine (9) new municipalities; and

THAT the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury endorses the effectiveness of the current two-tier municipal governance structure, with continued exploration and implementation of improved efficiency and partnership opportunities, as has existed between York Region and our partner York local municipalities, since its inception in 1971; and

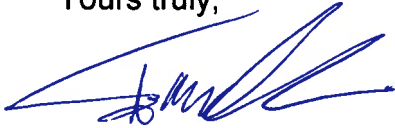
THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury Council, staff, and its citizens, value their distinct identity and have a local and specialized understanding of the needs of our Town and are committed to being proud hosts and stewards of the Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, and Lake Simcoe; and

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THAT this Resolution be forwarded to all GTA municipalities, York Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's and made publicly available.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Tara Lajevardi, Hon. B.A.
Deputy Clerk

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