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The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
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Honourable Sir,

**RE: Township of King Resolution
- Regional Governance Review**

At its Council meeting of May 13, 2019, Council of the Township of King received and unanimously supported a Resolution put forward with respect to the Regional Governance Review of Ontario's eight (8) Regional Municipalities, Simcoe County and their lower-tier municipalities as follows:

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight (8) 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 (8) 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, neither York Region, nor the nine (9) area municipalities have requested a review of the current regional governance structure; and

WHEREAS, the Township of King, York Region and the other York area municipalities would receive greater benefit from a review of provincial permitting/approvals and municipal government powers and authority under the Municipal Act; and

WHEREAS, the regional government review including new single tier municipalities or amalgamations was not ever discussed during the recent provincial election by the Premier or our local Members of Provincial Parliament; and

WHEREAS, the Township of King is well managed and efficient with one of the smallest Council in York, with only seven (7) elected members (with the Mayor sitting as the one (1) Regional Council member for King); and

WHEREAS, the Township of King welcomes all opportunities to improve both Regional and local municipal service delivery and achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings for all King 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

WHEREAS, the Township of King has demonstrated their 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;

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 Township of King endorses the effectiveness of the current two-tier municipal governance structure, with continued exploration and implementation of furthering efficiencies and partnerships, as has existed between York Region and our partner York local municipalities, since its inception in 1971; and

THAT the Township of King and its actively engaged citizens value the distinct identity of their community of communities and are committed to being proud hosts and stewards of the Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, Lake Simcoe and the Holland Marsh; and

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk
Encls.

- cc. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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