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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

RE: Request for a Review of Local Improvement Charges and Related Regulations

At its meeting of January 16, 2012, Council received Administration Department Report No. ADMIN 2012-01 advising of a request for the review of existing policies, legislation, regulation and/or technical guidance relating to the uses of Local Improvement Charges to enable their use for energy improvements on private properties and in particular for single family dwellings.

Council passed the following Resolution supporting the request for a review of the Local Improvement Charges and Related Regulations:

WHEREAS the Township of King has embarked on a strategic plan to become more sustainable;

WHEREAS a paper prepared by Bill Johnston, Peter Love, David McRobert and Sonja Persram dated January 5, 2012 entitled "Request for a Review of Local Improvement Charges and Related Regulations" attached, has been prepared in support of a request that seeks a review of existing policies, legislation, regulation and or technical guidance relating to the uses of Local Improvement Charges to enable their use for energy improvements on private property on the basis that suggests, among other things that;

- Local Improvement Charges (LIC's) are a key method by which municipalities – and therefore the Township of King, as well as the provincial government – could leverage substantial public benefit by facilitating the financing of energy retrofits;

- With a simplified, amended LIC, the Township of King and other municipal governments could – at zero net cost – contribute to achieving their targets for reductions in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions while enhancing the local economy;
- The Township of King and other municipalities will be required to set targets (if not already in place) for reduction in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions and develop plans for achieving them, having this mechanism would be an enabling factor;
- Since value differentiation for green and energy efficient homes and buildings over conventional ones is anticipated, the Township of King and other municipalities could also protect their property tax base as well as homeowners' property values and vulnerability to rising and volatile energy prices;
- This initiative would also benefit current and future generations by protecting the environment and reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions on a mass scale;
- Public benefits would be realized as the Province could obtain savings in energy infrastructure, environmental remediation, as well as via reduced unemployment and health care costs.

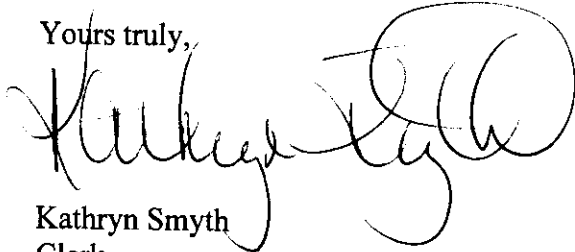
AND WHEREAS it is considered that such an initiative would benefit residents of the Township of King and is worthy of support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township of King supports the initiative seeking a review of existing policies, legislation, regulation and/or technical guidance related to the use of Local Improvement Charges to enable their use for energy improvements on private properties, particularly single family dwellings, as outlined in the report prepared by Bill Johnston, Peter Love, David McRobert and Sonja Persram entitled "Request for a Review of Local Improvement Charges and Related Regulations and Legislation" dated January 5, 2012 (the "Initiative"); and
2. The Mayor be authorized and directed to submit letters to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Minister of Finance, Minister of Energy and Minister of Environment indicating the Township of King's support of the "Initiative" and resolution; and

3. That this resolution be circulated to York Region and its lower tier municipalities seeking their support; and
4. The Township of King requests the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO") to support the "Initiative" and to circulate and request support of this resolution from all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours truly,



Kathryn Smyth
Clerk

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