



MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

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May 26, 2004

J.D. Leach, City Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mr Leach;

Re: RESOLUTION – GS TAX REBATE AND P.S.T.

Further to a meeting of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council held on April 19, 2004 please be advised that the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Weaver
Seconded by Councillor Vercouteren :

Whereas Municipalities are vital to the economic growth and prosperity of Canada and its Provinces;

And Whereas the continued dependence on property taxes as the single major source of financing for municipalities is not appropriate;

And Whereas there is a need for additional funding over the long-term to assist municipalities with respect to infrastructure particularly transportation infrastructure repair and replacement;

And whereas both the Federal and Provincial Governments place a significant tax on the sale of gasoline;

And whereas the Province imposes the Retail Sales Tax on Goods purchased by municipalities;

And whereas the Federal Government has recently eliminated a tax on other levels of government by providing a 100% GST rebate to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requests:

That the Federal and Provincial Governments share 5% of the Gasoline Tax with Municipalities;

That the Provincial Government fully exempt Municipalities from the Retail Sales Tax on the purchase of all goods;



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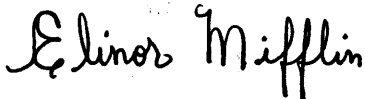
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That the Provincial Government share a portion of the Ontario Sales Tax with Municipalities;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Paul Martin, Minister of Finance Ralph Goodale, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara and local Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament, and municipalities over 50,000.

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supports continued dialogue on a fair and equitable distribution of these sources of revenue with municipalities."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elinor Mifflin".

Elinor Mifflin, A.M.C.T.
Clerk, Municipal Governance

- c. Prime Minister Paul Martin
Minister of Finance Ralph Goodale
Premier Dalton McGuinty
Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara
Jerry Pickard, Federal MP
Pat Hoy, Provincial MP
Ontario Municipalities over 50,000.