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The Honourable Doug Ford
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank for your continued commitment and dedication to Canadians as we move through the response and recovery of COVID-19. These are unprecedented times and it is clear that you and your government are putting the interest of residents and businesses at the forefront of your decision making.

As municipalities continue to support our communities, we continue to incur an increase of costs while continuing to see a large decrease in revenues further exasperating our financial challenges. On behalf of Regional Council, we are united with our colleagues at FCM, AMO, the GTHA Mayors and Chairs, the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) and the Ontario Big City Mayors (LUMCO) in urging you and your government to come to an agreement the with Provincial Government to deliver emergency operating funding to municipalities, now.

As a result, at its meeting held Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Halton Region Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS Halton Region has remained committed to keeping its community safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic and to delivering essential services when Canadians need them most;

AND WHEREAS Regional staff have been working tirelessly on the frontline to contain the public health crisis and adapt the Region's service delivery models;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have an important role to play in supporting residents, not-for-profit organizations, and businesses in their communities during the pandemic and are committed to a successful re-start and recovery of the economy;

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AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to face an imminent crisis due to unprecedented revenue losses and financial pressures associated with essential service provision and will continue to experience subsequent pressures and costs through the recovery period;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region's COVID-19 incremental expenditures as of May 31, 2020 are estimated at \$7.4 million and is anticipating a projected net estimated financial impact of \$10.6 million in 2020;

AND WHEREAS Halton's Local Municipalities are also facing significant financial pressures;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require support to alleviate the unparalleled financial hardships they are facing;

AND WHEREAS Halton stands united with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), the Ontario Big Cities Mayors' Caucus, and the GTHA Mayors and Chairs which each have been urging the Federal and Provincial Governments and renews our call to provide immediate emergency operating funding to municipalities to maintain municipal service levels;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Ontario's economic recovery will undoubtedly rely on municipalities continuing to deliver economic stimulus, infrastructure projects, child care, public health services, emergency services, transit, and water and wastewater treatment in the post-COVID-19 world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Halton Region renews our call for a Federal-Provincial agreement to support municipalities by providing immediate emergency operating funding to avoid destructive cuts to frontline programs and services as well as unmanageable tax increases;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Regional Chair write a letter outlining the above to the Prime Minister, Premier, Federal and the Provincial Ministers of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs and provide a copy to FCM, AMO, Halton's MPs, MPPs and Local Municipalities for their endorsement

We urge you to provide the necessary emergency operating funding needed, to municipalities to allow us to continue to deliver the necessary program and services to our residents now, and as we continue to move into the recovery phases. I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

CC: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., Prime Minister
The Honourable Steve Clark, MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Bill Morneau, PC, MP, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Rod Phillips, MPP, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Burlington
The Honourable Anita Anand, MP, Oakville
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Pam Damoff, MP, Oakville North-Burlington
Adam van Koeverden, MP, Milton
The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
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