

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

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Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS current provincial - municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;
AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 Billion a year;
AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;
AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;
AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;
AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;
AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can not afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;
AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;
AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;
AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Paul Brancaccio
MAYOR