



**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Regular Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION 189-2025
Title: Councillor P. Banks - V.O.I.C.E. Coalition - Request for Support and Endorsement
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Moved by Councillor P. Banks
Seconded by Councillor J. Banks

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers have been extended to 216 Ontario municipalities, with more expected by fall 2025;
AND WHEREAS over 130 municipalities have formally opposed these powers due to concerns over democratic accountability and local governance;
AND WHEREAS the V.O.I.C.E. coalition is hosting an open advocacy session at the 2025 AMO Conference on Monday, August 18, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Joey Rideau in Ottawa;
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Township of Rideau Lakes endorses and supports this V.O.I.C.E. event and encourages all Ontario municipalities to attend;
AND FURTHER that the attached invitation be sent along with this resolution to all 444 Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried