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RE: Correspondence received from Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA) regarding municipalities' support for the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

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WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026; and

WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality; and

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WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all appropriate Provincial representatives, including relevant Ministers, Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), and Provincial agencies, as applicable; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be distributed to all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

Sincerely,

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