



Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

cc: Council

Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

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Brian Milne
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Dear Mr. Milne:

Re: Resolution on Joint and Several Liability

On February 27, my private member's resolution on joint and several liability was debated in the Ontario legislature. I am pleased that the resolution received all party support, and every MPP who participated in the debate spoke in favour of it.

I want to sincerely thank the council of Grey County for its support of my resolution. Prior to the debate, 187 municipalities submitted written resolutions of support. I am grateful for all of the feedback that I received.

It is now up to the government to take the feedback they have received and take action by bringing forward a plan that is fair to all concerned.

Again, I would like to thank Grey County for its support in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

Enclosure





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 27, 2014

MPPs support Pettapiece motion on municipal liability insurance

(Queen's Park) – MPPs today supported a motion calling on the government to reform joint and several liability insurance. Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece introduced the motion to protect municipalities facing dramatically higher premiums.

"Taxpayers and their municipalities can't afford premiums that keep growing with no end in sight," said Pettapiece after the debate. "I'm very pleased that MPPs from all parties agreed by supporting my motion."

MPPs supported the motion overwhelmingly, with every speaker supporting it. The motion called on the government to protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance by June 2014.

Pettapiece received 187 resolutions supporting his initiative from municipalities across Ontario.

"Municipal leaders from our area and across the province have spoken," he said. "I'm pleased that the legislature seems to be listening."

An AMO survey found that municipal insurance premiums have risen 22 percent over the last five years.

In Perth-Wellington, supporters of Pettapiece's motion included the County of Perth; the City of Stratford; the Town of St. Marys; the townships of Mapleton, Wellington North, and Perth South; the Town of Minto; and the municipalities of North Perth and West Perth.

Other supporters included the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

"The ball is in the Liberals' court," said Pettapiece. "We recognize it's a complex issue, but it's now up to the government to take the feedback they have already received from municipalities and the legal community, and come up with a plan that is fair to all concerned.

"We need them to do it now, before municipalities have no choice but to pass on further increases to taxpayers," he added, noting that it needs to happen in the current legislative session.

Steven Del Duca, the Liberal MPP for Vaughan, commended Pettapiece on the non-partisan tone of his motion. Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott also praised Pettapiece's actions, calling him persistent and trusted by his constituents.

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Attached: Pettapiece resolution background information
Video of Debate: <http://pettapiece.ca/?p=2467>

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