



In The Regional Municipality of Durham

The Corporation of the

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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, Ontario
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**RE: FRIENDS OF THE ONTARIO RANGER PROGRAM
TOWNSHIP FILE NO. A-00 G**

Please be advised that during the meeting of the regular meeting of Council of October 28th, 2013, the following motion was carried:

WHEREAS in September 2012 the provincial government cancelled the 70-year old Ontario Ranger Program (ORP), formerly known as the Ontario Junior Ranger Program;

AND WHEREAS when the government cancelled the Ontario Ranger Program it claimed the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program [SYP], an existing day program, would deliver the same experience and would offer more jobs;

AND WHEREAS this day program does not offer the same quality of experience youth gained under the previous ORP in respect to knowledge of resource management and without the distractions of daily life;

AND WHEREAS since 2012, 278 Ontario Ranger jobs have been eliminated;

AND WHEREAS in previous years more than half of the Ontario Rangers were students from large urban centres, by contrast this year, the current day program is just not accessible to those students in those urban centres;

AND WHEREAS when the provincial government cancelled the ORP regular kids lost an opportunity for a once-in-a-life-time experience because the ORP only required enrolment in an Ontario high school and acceptance into the program was based on a postal-code lottery system;



AND WHEREAS cancellation of the 70-year old ORP does a disservice to public services in Ontario to those who have come to admire and respect the natural beauty of our province;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government committed \$295 million dollars in the 2013 provincial budget for youth employment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Township of Uxbridge supports the Friends of the Ontario Ranger Program campaign to restore the Ontario Ranger Program in the 2014 provincial budget;
2. **THAT** a letter be sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Honourable David Orazietti, Minister of Natural Resources urging the Province to restore the Ontario Ranger Program for future generations of young people;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its member municipalities requesting support in urging the Province to restore the Ontario Ranger Program for future generations of young people.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,



Paul Shipway
Deputy Clerk
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cc: Honourable David Orazietti, Minister of Natural Resources
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