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February 10th, 2016

Hon. Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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We were very disappointed with the rejection of our two recent applications for infrastructure funding and, as you can see from the attached motion, our Council is asking that use of the current scoring indicators be discontinued.

Municipalities that have significant debt and few reserves have not planned to maintain their infrastructure. Awarding a high score to a municipality with a low net financial asset per household just encourages continued poor planning.

Also, we note that the scoring indicators for a municipality are not likely to change anytime soon meaning that the same municipalities will continue to score well and qualify repeatedly for funding.

By copy of this letter, we ask other municipalities and groups to support our request that all future infrastructure funding be distributed to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Antonakos', is written over a white background.

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**TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE
127th COUNCIL**

Motion No. 5-127-05

Communication 127026

Moved by _____

Theresa King

Seconded by _____

Brian Doucett

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario recently scored applications for two major infrastructure programs, the Small Communities Fund (SCF) and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and ranked municipalities based on their economic conditions and fiscal situations;

AND WHEREAS some of the indicators used to score municipalities actually penalize a municipality that has planned for future infrastructure needs by establishing financial reserves;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have little ability to alter their circumstances and improve their score or ranking;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Carleton Place hereby calls upon Minister Jeff Leal to discontinue the use of the current evaluation criteria that penalizes municipalities that plan to maintain their infrastructure and instead distribute all future infrastructure grants to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula.

Carried February 9th, 2016



Louis Antonakos, Mayor