



October 28, 2015

Honourable Ted McMeekin
Minister, Municipal Affairs & Housing
17th Floor
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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the Municipality of Meaford, please note the following resolution passed on October 26, 2015:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greenfield
Seconded by: Councillor Poetker

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford support the Grey County initiative pertaining to funding for the Municipal Internship Program.

Carried – Resolution #33-18-2015

Attached is a copy of the original letter from Grey County Chief Administrative Officer, Kim Wingrove, requesting consideration be given to reinstating support for the Municipal Management Internship Program.

Yours truly,

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October 19, 2015

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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the CAO's in Grey County, I am writing to ask that your Ministry consider reinstatement of support for the Municipal Management Internship Program.

In the nine years it operated, the program annually placed 60 talented, young professionals into public service. Many of these came to small rural communities and often they stayed to become full-time members of the municipal staff. Wherever they went, they made a difference and helped to build a consensus that developing the next generation of municipal leaders is critical to the health and vitality of local governments.

Without the support MMAH provided in partnership with AMCTO, rural communities don't often get the opportunity to demonstrate to new graduates how fulfilling positions in smaller places can be. Recruitment of young talented professionals is often more challenging in smaller towns distant from the post-secondary institutions. Given the more limited labour force pool available within most rural regions, succession planning and attracting skilled young people to the municipal sector is a significant challenge the program helped us address. There is plenty of evidence that the return of older youth after post-secondary training is a key to on-going rural community vitality and this program contributed to those long-term vitality goals we believe the government has voiced in its Rural Roadmap.