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To: All Municipalities in Ontario
Re: Support Request

The Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on **February 18, 2015**. Your support of this resolution would be appreciated. Please send any resolution of support to the **Prime Minister's office**, with a copy to the Township of South Stormont.

Resolution No. 059/2015

Moved by: **Councillor Richard Waldroff**
Seconded by: **Councillor Donna Primeau**

Whereas Municipal Governments Nationwide are in need of funding;
And whereas the current grant programs are unequal in distribution;
And whereas the current gas tax is insufficient to meet the demands placed on municipalities;
And whereas Municipal Governments are limited in methods of acquiring funding;
And whereas all persons pay Goods and Services Tax;
And whereas funding provided on a per capita formula would be fairer;
And whereas the Federal Government has the resources to collect and distribute;
And whereas the population per Statistics Canada is 36,675,834;
And whereas 1% Goods and Services Tax (HST/GST) raises approximately \$6.5 billion annually;
And whereas this represents \$177.23 per man, women and child nationwide.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Federal Government of Canada be encouraged to dedicate to the municipalities of Canada 1 % percent of the annual Goods and Services tax (HST/GST) collected and that these funds be dispersed among the Municipal Governments of Canada on a per capita calculation, for use on annual expenses incurred;

And further be it resolved that a copy of this motion be forwarded to MP Guy Lauzon, all Ontario municipalities, AMO, OGRA, and 1 municipality in each province and territory of Canada for their endorsement and support.

Yours truly,

Loriann Harbers, CMO
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk