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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Attn: Minister Paul Calandra  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

RE: Township of Ramara Resolution 2024.24  
Request for Province of Ontario and AMO Social and Economic Prosperity  
Review to Promote the Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances

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Dear Minister Paul Calandra,

At their regular meeting on January 29, 2024, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

**AND THAT** staff circulate it to MPP Jill Dunlop, applicable Ministries, and Ontario Municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory; however, if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Connor".

Jennifer Connor CMO, AOMC

Director of Legislative Services & Community Services / Clerk

Cc. MPP Jill Dunlop

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