

Sent by Email

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Subject: Re: Official Opposition Statement on Municipal Financial Support
Corr. 22-20
File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on June 29, 2020 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Council endorse the NDP motion calling on the provincial government to work with the federal government to address the systemic financial challenges facing municipalities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19, and to implement the recommendations brought forward by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and,
2. That Council's endorsement be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Durham MP's and MPPs, AMO, FCM and Durham Region municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:rp
Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament, Whitby
Jennifer O'Connell, Member of Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge
Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament, Oshawa
Mark Holland, Member of Parliament, Ajax
The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Member of Parliament, Durham
Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Lorne Coe, Member of Provincial Parliament, Whitby
Jennifer French, Member of Provincial Parliament, Oshawa
Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham
The Hon. Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ajax
The Hon. Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Nicole Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax
Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock
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Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa
John Paul Newman, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog
Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
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Chief Administrative Officer

From: Burch-QP, Jeff <JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Mayor Web Email <mayor@pickering.ca>
Subject: Official Opposition Statement on Municipal Financial Support

Dear Mayor Ryan,

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to draw your attention to Andrea Horwath's & MPP Burch's joint statement on financial support for municipalities during COVID-19. Federal support for municipal infrastructure is welcome, but still leaves many municipalities without the operating funding they desperately need. Andrea Horwath is calling on the Ontario government to fill that gap, ensuring municipalities have the emergency funding they need to run day cares, transit systems, public health units and water treatment facilities and so much more after the pandemic has wreaked havoc on municipal finances. I have attached a copy of the statement in this email.

MPP Jeff Burch, the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, has tabled a motion regarding the issue. The motion calls for the Government of Ontario to work with the federal government to address the systemic financial challenges facing municipalities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19, and to implement the recommendations brought forward by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Should you like to read the motion in full and review its status, you can find additional information [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any feedback.

Best,

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Horwath: Municipalities need Doug Ford to get off the sidelines and finally do his part to avoid deep cuts to jobs and public services

QUEEN'S PARK – NDP Official Opposition Leader Andrea Horwath says federal support for municipal infrastructure is welcome, but still leaves many municipalities without the operating funding they desperately need. Horwath is calling on Premier Doug Ford to step up and fill that gap, ensuring municipalities have the emergency funding they need to run day cares, transit systems, public health units and water treatment facilities and so much more after the pandemic has wreaked havoc on municipal finances.

"Families count on their local governments to provide essential services like child care, public transit and public health. All those services are now at risk as municipalities sink into the red, and Doug Ford needs to stop pretending that it's Ottawa's responsibility alone to throw them a lifeline," said Horwath. "Ford has not given them the support they desperately need to make it through the pandemic and to rebuild the local economies that have been left shattered by this crisis — but he can change that today by committing to fund the gap and keep services intact."

The City of Toronto alone says it has a \$1.5 billion shortfall as a result of COVID-19, which it warns will result in transit cuts, firefighting cuts, child care cuts, long-term care cuts and more, if the upper levels of government don't step in with emergency financial support. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has estimated the hole in operating budgets across all cities at between \$10 billion and \$15 billion over the next six months.

"The federal government's move to transfer infrastructure money a bit faster is a welcome first step — but it will barely scratch the surface of what's needed," said NDP Municipal Affairs critic Jeff Burch, who tabled a motion last week in the Ontario legislature that would give emergency financial support to municipalities that have been deeply impacted by COVID-19.

"Cities and towns throughout the province are on the verge of devastating cuts if Ford does not step up and provide funding right away," said Burch. "And those cuts will stop the economic recovery Ontario needs. Not only are municipal jobs on the line, but the loss of services like child care and transit would hamper everyone's return to work — especially women, and there cannot be a recovery without a she-recovery."

"It's time for the provincial government to step up and create some relief and certainty for municipalities and families who count on them."

Motion 98 [Mr. Burch](#) (Niagara Centre)

That in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ontario should work with the federal government to address systemic financial challenges facing Ontario's municipalities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 emergency by implementing both the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' recommendations for immediate financial assistance to help with the delivery of essential services during and after the pandemic, and the joint proposal from the Association of Municipalities Ontario and CUPE Ontario to help strengthen the delivery of municipal services on a long-term basis.