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Sent via email to: hboardman@amaranth.ca

Holly Boardman

Deputy Clerk

Township of Amaranth

**Re: Resolution - Operational Budget Funding**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 12, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the March 25, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-047). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-047, being a resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

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cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Matthew Rae, MPP Perth-Wellington  
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

**Be it Resolved That** the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities