



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

The County of Northumberland

Town of Cobourg
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Delivered via email

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January 31, 2025

RE: Correspondence received from Northumberland County regarding the Municipal Restructuring Study

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on January 29, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Cobourg Council understands that the Northumberland tax base is having difficulties with the constant increase in municipal taxes from both the upper and lower tier municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Council acknowledges the need to explore service rationalization, restructuring, and potential amalgamation within Northumberland County to enhance efficiency and service delivery; and

WHEREAS any study undertaken must provide a comprehensive and balanced approach to ensure that all viable options are fairly considered in determining the best governance and financial structure for all of our communities; and

WHEREAS the town of Cobourg tax base makes up 23% of the Northumberland County tax levy and the town of Cramahe contributes just 6% while both having a single vote at the County of Northumberland Council table unless it is a recorded vote; and

WHEREAS in addition to the options of restructuring and amalgamation, a third alternative must be evaluated, namely the potential dilution of the upper-tier government that could allow for the direct allocation of provincial funding to lower-tier municipalities enhancing the local decision-making process and allowing for fiscal autonomy of the various communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cobourg Council expresses its support and significant interest in the pursuing a study on service rationalization, restructuring, and amalgamation of Northumberland County; and that a third option, be included in the study and that the third option look at the possible dissolution of the upper tier government; and



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FURTHER THAT this letter be forwarded to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and Northumberland - Peterborough South MPP, and Honourable, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Markham-Stouffville MPP along with all other lower tier municipalities asking for their support in ensuring this much needed study explores all potential options that may better serve the resident of Cobourg and Northumberland County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.




Date: February 3, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-^{COU 55}

Moved By: 


Seconded By: 

 That Council receive or support the resolution and report from Northumberland County regarding Municipal Restructuring Study.

Carried ☒

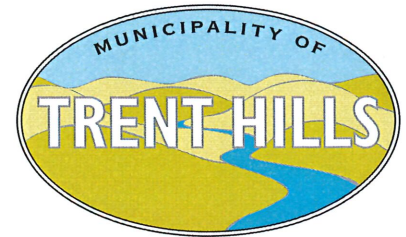
OR Defeated ☐


Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
Recorded vote called by: _____					
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Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Hannah MacAusland					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
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February 25, 2025

Northumberland County
Jennifer Moore, CAO
555 Courthouse Road,
Cobourg, ON
K9A 5J6



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

Via Email: moorej@northumberland.ca

Re: Correspondence dated January 22, 2025 from Jennifer Moore, CAO, Northumberland County re: Municipal Restructuring Study

At its meeting of February 11, 2025, Council received correspondence dated January 22, 2025 from Jennifer Moore, CAO, Northumberland County re: Municipal Restructuring Study, and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-250211-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Metcalf
Seconded by Councillor Dennis Savery

Be it resolved that the correspondence dated January 22, 2025 from Jennifer Moore, CAO, Northumberland County re: Municipal Restructuring Study be received.

That Trent Hills Council supports the options for restructuring one or two municipal services across Northumberland County and exploring the feasibility of shared service models.

And that Jennifer Moore, CAO, Northumberland County be advised of Council's decision under the Acting Clerk's signature.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Frigault".

Karen Frigault
Acting Clerk

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION*

Date: 18 February 2025

27 - 2025

MOVED BY: *Councillor Attridge*

SECONDED BY: *Councillor Holloway Wadhvani*

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Port Hope considered the Correspondence dated January 22, 2025 regarding the Municipal Restructuring Study Report 2024-167 from the County of Northumberland; and

Whereas Council acknowledges that opportunities for cost savings and service efficiencies exist between upper and lower tier municipalities in Northumberland, which require further review and consideration;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Port Hope supports, in principle, Option(b) as outlined in the Municipal Restructuring Study Report 2024-167 from the County of Northumberland; and

That Council further supports that this preliminary study to consider restructuring services to eliminate duplication and/or waste be conducted by a third party consultant; and

That staff be directed to work with the County of Northumberland and third party consultant to determine where efficiencies in service delivery can be identified and implemented; and

That staff be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the County of Northumberland and all lower-tier member municipalities.



Deputy Mayor Vicki Mink

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Jennifer Moore, CAO
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March 4, 2025

Re: Municipal Restructuring Study

Dear Ms. Moore,

At its Municipal Planning / Regular Council Meeting held on February 25, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution in support of Northumberland County's Municipal Restructuring Study:

RES:20250225-07

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Greg Booth; The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand enacts as follows: That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand supports participating in the Northumberland County Municipal Restructuring Study request.
CARRIED.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-349-2822 ext. 25 or via email at ecartlidge@ahtwp.ca.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "EC", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Emily Cartlidge, CMO, AOMC, MLIS
Municipal Clerk

The Corporation of the Township of Hamilton

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March 24, 2026

Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Northumberland
555 Courthouse Road Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Delivered via email

Dear Ms. Moore,

RE: Municipal Restructuring Study

This letter is in response to correspondence received on January 22, 2025 regarding the interest of Member Municipalities in participating in a study of service rationalization, restructuring and/or amalgamation as outlined in Northumberland County Report 2024-167 entitled 'Budget 20025 – Municipal Restructuring Study.

During consideration by the Council for the Township of Hamilton at the meeting of March 18, 2025, direction was received to formally advise Northumberland County of the Township's interest in participating in the study by selecting 1-2 services to evaluate and develop an assessment of options for restructuring. As detailed in the Report, restructuring could result in an upload to the County, or consolidation with one of the seven member municipalities for all or part of a service, based on the analysis. The review would include transitional and ongoing operational impacts to governance, staffing, service levels, and financial implications, as well as an initial plan for implementation.

It is understood that the CAOs will provide input into developing common goals for a study, including financial objectives, service level equalization, staffing and asset impacts, as well as qualitative impacts of service restructuring.

The Resolution of Council is as follows:

RES:2024-374

Moved by Deputy Mayor Larry Williamson, Seconded by Councillor Bruce Buttar


The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton enacts as follows:

That Council receives Report CAO-2025-03: Northumberland County - Municipal Restructuring Study, and

That Council directs staff to provide a formal response to Northumberland County regarding our support in principle for **Option B - Municipal Restructuring Study** - to select 1-2 services to evaluate and develop an assessment of options for restructuring.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Livingstone', written in a cursive style.

Daphne Livingstone,
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Cc: A. Anderson, CAO



March 28, 2025

Please be advised that at the March 25, 2025, Township of Cramahe Council Meeting the following resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-166

Moved By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

Seconded By: COUNCILLOR SCHRIVER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report CLERKS-11-25 for information; and

THAT Council support the County's request for participation in a shared services study.

Result: DEFEATED

Sincerely,

Nicole Newton (Hamilton)
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe
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