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The Honorable Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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*DEVLIVERED VIA EMAIL*

February 26, 2024

**RE: Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, the Township of Limerick Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Hanover regarding a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

**Motion023-2024**

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican

Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support for the Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca).

Best Regards,

Victoria Tisdale  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Limerick

cc. Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington  
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February 1, 2024

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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover adopted the following resolution at their meeting of January 15, 2024 regarding the above noted matter;

**Moved by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL      Seconded by COUNCILLOR HOCKING**

**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 further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Tanya Patterson  
Deputy Clerk

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cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities