

Council Memorandum

Date:	February 4, 2025
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Warren
Re:	Support of Requests for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to fund Municipal Infrastructure Needs

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Warren regarding, **Support of Requests for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST**, be received; and

That the City of Kawartha Lakes support the resolution from the Town of Aurora requesting the Provincial Government to reconsider distributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities and calling on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

That a copy of this recommendation be sent to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jamie Schmale MP, Laurie Scott MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Municipalities across the province are facing growing infrastructure needs, the costs of which are growing exponentially, and the current sources of municipal revenue are becoming increasingly insufficient to carry the burden.

The Province of Ontario collects Land Transfer Tax on property transactions in the municipalities, generating revenues that are not shared with those municipalities. The Federal Government also collects GST on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to help address local infrastructure needs.

This redistribution would offer a source of sustainable revenue stream for funding local infrastructure projects without adding tax burdens on residents or homebuyers.



Appendix A - Town of Aurora Resolution (Appendix A - Town of Aurora Resolution.pdf)