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March 31, 2016

The Hon. Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

RE: Insurance Costs

At its meeting of March 9, 2016, the Council of the Township of Tay reviewed correspondence from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding escalating municipal insurance premiums and liability claims.

Following discussion, the County of the Township of Tay passed the following motion at their March 23, 2016 Council meeting:

Whereas municipal insurance premiums and liability claims have increased significantly over the years;

And whereas the Township of Tay's liability insurance premiums have increased more than \$168,733 since 2006, being an increase of 234%;

And whereas the joint and several liability provision frequently allocates risk to municipal governments who are usually considered to be the "deepest pockets" in a dispute. If the defendant has become insolvent, the joint and several liability provision means that the plaintiff may recover all of their costs from the municipal government;

And whereas municipalities have petitioned the province to address joint and several liability reform, which is a primary contributor to rising premiums;

And whereas municipalities cannot afford to wait any longer for insurance reform policies;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the

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Township of Tay appeals to the provincial government to protect taxpayers from high property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution insurance reforms, including joint and several liability, for municipalities, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs;

And that this resolution be circulated, under the Mayor's signature, to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Minister McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrick Brown, MPP Simcoe North, the County of Simcoe, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, Simcoe County Municipalities, and all other Ontario Municipalities, and AMO for their support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Warnock".

Mayor Scott Warnock

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