



September 15, 2020

Hon. Caroline Mulroney
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto ON, M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Caroline Mulroney,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 24, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020.33.11

Moved by: Councillor Porter

Seconded by: Councillor Townend

Whereas the Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is delivering on its commitment to provide up to \$4 billion in urgently needed one-time assistance to Ontario's 444 municipalities;

And Whereas in addition to the support for municipalities, the government is providing over \$660 million in the first phase of transit funding to the 110 municipalities with transit systems to provide immediate relief from transit pressures, such as lower ridership, as well as for new costs due to COVID-19, such as enhanced cleaning and masks for staff;

And Whereas in the second phase, additional allocations will be provided based on expenses incurred to ensure the funding meets the needs of municipalities;

And Whereas as part of the Safe Restart Agreement with the federal government, up to \$2 billion is being provided to support public transit in Ontario;

And Whereas Ontario Regulation 191/11 being the Integrated Accessibility Standards, which applies to every designated public sector organization including municipalities, establishes accessibility standards, including transportation and as such, recognizes ferries as a form of public transportation;

And Whereas many municipalities located along large bodies of water such as Lake Ontario, including the Township of Frontenac Islands and Loyalist Township, are only accessible by public ferries which are connecting links to mainland highways and roads and form part of Ontario's road systems, making them critical public services;

And Whereas due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions placed on ferry services by Transport Canada as well as public health guide lines, ferry transit, similar to conventional transit, has experienced reduced ridership, additional costs to cover increased sanitization and requirement for masks for ferry operators, and reduced revenue due to the inability to collect cash fares;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Loyalist Township requests that the Ministry of Transportation support the Canadian Ferry Association's request that ferries be considered part of the local transit system and that lost revenue be eligible for reimbursement;

And Further That a portion of the (pandemic) Federal funds be allocated towards municipal transportation ferry revenue loss and ferry expenditures resulting from the pandemic;

And that this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "BTeeple".

Brandi Teeple
Deputy Clerk
Loyalist Township

cc. All Ontario Municipalities