



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24269	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>M. Dettfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>L. K. Opata</i>

**WHEREAS** the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province and;

**WHEREAS** the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners and;

**WHEREAS** the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values and;

**WHEREAS** both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent and;

**WHEREAS** frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike and;

**WHEREAS** the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality and;

**WHEREAS** the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation and;

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FURTHER MORE THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality and;

FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL