



COMPRISING - THE FORMER TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN, MCLEAN, RIDOUT, SINCLAIR AND FINLAYSON.

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April 20, 2017

The Honourable Mitzie Hunter
Ministry of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

**Re: Resolution regarding Request for a Moratorium on the current
Accommodation Review Process**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays at its meeting held on April 18, 2017 passed the following resolution:

"Resolution #7(a)/04/18/17

WHEREAS the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

AND WHEREAS school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educations, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

AND WHEREAS rural communities depend on a school as part of its viability and vitality ensuring an inward migration of families with children that will ensure its future economic conditions;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Lake of Bays is a single public school municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Lake of Bays requests that Minister Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, MP Tony Clement, MPP Norm Miller, Trillium Lakeland District School Board and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sykes', is positioned above the printed name.

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Premier Kathleen Wynne
MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Tony Clement
MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller
Trillium Lakeland District School Board
All Ontario municipalities