

May 2, 2019

Hon. Victor Fedeli
Minister of Finance
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Dear Mr. Fedeli:

Re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the Province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The program, that primarily supports northern and rural municipalities, is a critical component of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship. Since 2012, grant allocations have decreased from \$598M to \$505M in 2019.

The government has committed to consult with municipalities in 2019 regarding the future of the OMPF. The goal of this review is to ensure that the program remains sustainable and focused on the northern and rural municipalities that need this funding the most. Reductions in the funding have a significant impact on municipal finances, with the loss of revenue typically being made up through increased tax levies. This has the potential of adversely affecting housing affordability in the affected municipalities and is contrary to the Province's stated goal of improving housing affordability.

The Town of Mono recommends that the OMPF be maintained at not less than its current funding level.

I look forward to an earnest dialogue with the Province that recognizes the importance to municipalities of maintaining this program and the potential impact that reductions to funding will have.

Regards,

TOWN OF MONO

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