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Moved by: Mayor Love
Seconded by: Councillor Maïka
BE IT RESOLVED

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has proposed change number B-08-09-03 to the 2012 Building Code O. Reg. 332/12 as amended;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change requires septic tanks and other treatment units to be pumped out at least every five years, and records to be kept by the operator of the sewage system for submission to the chief building official upon request;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change identifies enforcement implications on principal authorities such as chief building officials due to the need for managing this program across their area of jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the cost/benefit implications of the proposed change fail to identify and include Municipal costs resulting from the enforcement implications for chief building officials;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change also fails to identify new provincial funding to offset these additional Municipal costs;

AND WHEREAS homeowners with septic systems are already responsible for the negative impacts of poor septic system maintenance;

AND WHEREAS the justification/explanation for the proposed change provides no evidence that mandatory pump outs every five years will enhance the maintenance of conventional systems;

AND WHEREAS the *Building Code Act* could bestow sufficient authority to the council of a Municipality to pass by-laws establishing and governing septic system maintenance inspection programs on an as needed - where needed basis to address local concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley requests that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs defer implementation of proposed change number B-08-09-03 to the 2012 Building Code O. Reg. 332/12 as amended until such time as Municipal consultations are undertaken to determine the true cost/benefit implications for municipalities and sufficient evidence is provided to justify the need for a province-wide mandatory septic system maintenance program.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all rural and northern Ontario municipalities for support.

X CARRIED.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gwen Dombroski", written over a horizontal line.

Gwen Dombroski, Acting Clerk