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G. T. Hopcroft
Director, Intergovernmental and Community Liaison

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on November 20, 2012 resolved:

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the following motion **BE ADOPTED** authorizing the Civic Administration to continue to pursue an increase to the heads and beds levy and to collaborate with other interested municipalities on a legal perspective, around the "heads and beds" payment amount:

WHEREAS post-secondary institutions, hospitals and provincial institutions are exempt from paying property taxes to municipalities under provincial law and instead pay a fixed amount set by the Ontario Government; and

WHEREAS the amount of the "heads and beds" payment is \$75 per head or bed and this amount has not been changed by the Ontario Government since 1987; and

WHEREAS the City of London passed a motion on November 3, 2008 with respect to lobbying the Ontario Government to increase the "heads and beds" payments; and

WHEREAS communities across Ontario have come together to advocate for this important provincial policy change and efforts to have the Ontario Government review the "heads and beds" amount have not been met with a positive response to date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Civic Administration be authorized to pursue an increase to the heads and beds levy in coordination with Mayors of affected municipalities; and

Civic Administration be authorized to collaborate with other interested municipalities on a legal perspective, around the "heads and beds" payment amount; and

This resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to all municipalities in Ontario that have universities, colleges, hospitals and provincial correctional facilities requesting their councils to show their support for this important policy change. (6/29/FASC)

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