



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 29, 2019

Mayor Larry Snively
Town of Essex
33 Talbot Street South
Essex, ON N8M 1A8

Re: Municipal Modernization Program

Dear Mayor Snively,

On November 1, 2019, the Honourable Steven Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advised that Intake 1 of the Municipal Modernization Program would be available to Municipalities. Under the program the Province is making \$125 million available through 2022 – 2023 to help small municipalities to conduct new service delivery reviews. Further to this announcement Amherstburg's Town Council passed the following resolution at their November 25th meeting:

Administration BE DIRECTED to engage the professional services of a third party consultant, in accordance with the program eligibility requirements, to undertake a municipal service delivery review to address opportunities to achieve cost savings and efficiencies for the Town of Amherstburg and opportunities for shared services with regional municipalities; and,

The Mayor send correspondence to regional Mayors seeking participation in the shared services review, in a future Municipal Modernization Program.

Significant reduction in Provincial grant funding is forcing local government to either reduce levels of service or increase taxation levels in an effort to attain sustainability. As such we are suggesting our region undertake discussions on taking a proactive, collaborative approach on shared services that would benefit the regional as a whole, quite possibly ensuring the viability of our local municipal independence.

Please discuss this with your respective Councils and if in agreement, forward a resolution noting your support of such an initiative.

Together we are stronger,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Aldo DiCarlo', written over the 'Yours truly,' text.

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo