

December 14, 2020

Sent via email to all Ontario Municipal Clerks

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At its meeting held on December 10, 2020, Dufferin County Council approved the following recommendation from the General Government Services Committee:

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

Regards,

Michelle Dunne  
Deputy Clerk

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      Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
      Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
      AMO  
      ROMA  
      Kyle Seeback, MP  
      Sylvia Jones, MPP