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April 10, 2024

Honourable Paul Calandra Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing College Park 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Calandra:

## RE: AMALGAMATION DISCUSSIONS

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wollaston at their regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024, passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor Fentie Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ordanis

"THAT COUNCIL directs the Interim CAO-Clerk to write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, on behalf of Council, to inform the Minister that Council has not authorized anyone, including the Mayor and any Members of Council, to discuss the matter of amalgamation with neighbouring municipalities; and

FURTHER, THAT COUNCIL directs the Interim CAO-Clerk to inform the Minister that Council has banned such discussions of amalgamation for the balance of the term of this Council, unless otherwise authorized by Council; and

FURTHER, THAT COUNCIL directs the Interim CAO-Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the Mayors and Councils of neighbouring Townships, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Matthew Rae, and the Mayor and Members of Council of Wollaston Township, and to issue a media release informing the public of this motion, once approved."

Please note that the motion pertains only to amalgamation discussions. At Council's direction, the Township will continue to participate in existing shared services arrangements and, at Council's future direction, may explore new shared services initiatives of benefit to the Township.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-337-5731 or <a href="mailto:interimclerk@wollaston.ca">interimclerk@wollaston.ca</a>

Your truly,

Steven Potter Interim CAO/Clerk

c. Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister

Mayor and Council of Wollaston Township

Mayor and Council of Limerick Township

Mayor and Council of Tudor & Cashel Township

Mayor and Council of Carlow Mayo Township

Mayor and Council of Municipality of Marmora & Lake

Mayor and Council of Faraday Township

Mayor and Council of Town of Bancroft

Mayor and Council of Municipality of Hastings-Highlands

Mayor and Council of Madoc Township

Mayor and Council of Stirling-Rawdon Township

Mayor and Council of Municipality of Centre Hastings

Mayor and Council of Town of Deseronto

Mayor and Council of Municipality of Tweed

Mayor and Council of Tyendinaga Township

Warden and Members of Hastings County

Mayor and Members of North Kawartha Township

Warden and Members of Peterborough County