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**Moved by: Councillor Campbell**

**Resolution No.: 2024-40**

**Seconded by: Councillor Humphries**

**April 2, 2024**

**WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**AND WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**AND WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need;

**AND WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;



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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

**X CARRIED**

  
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**Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk**