



## MUNICIPALITY OF CHARLTON AND DACK

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

**RE: MOTION REGARDING - Insurance**

The following resolution was passed by the Council for the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

*WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021.*

*AND WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault;*

*AND WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services;*

*AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:*

- 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.*
- 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10 day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.*
- 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.*
- 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.*
- 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non profit insurance reciprocals.*
- 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its*



*and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.*

7. *Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Charlton and Dack call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.*

*AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.*

Yours Truly,

**Dan Thibeault**  
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**Municipality of Charlton and Dack**

**CC:** Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane  
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