



May 8, 2023

The Honourable Steve Clark,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
Sent via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Dear Hon. Steve Clark:

**RE: Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-04-32**

**"WHEREAS**, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, a letter be sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, John Jordan, MPP, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction."

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or [cao@tayvalleytwop.ca](mailto:cao@tayvalleytwop.ca).

Sincerely,



Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Municipalities in Ontario



**Corporation of the  
Municipality of West Grey**

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May 8, 2023

**RE: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales**

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 2, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230502-011 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Shuniah respecting support of resolution respecting municipalities retaining surplus records from tax sales, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Rick Byers, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

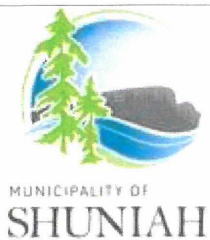
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of Shuniah – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds Tax Sales Resolution

Cc. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario municipalities



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 138-23

Date: Apr 11, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council receive and support the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all other Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8