



SCHEDULE D

Notice of Motion of Agenda submitted by Council Members

All motions need to be accurate, clear as to their purpose, and accompanied by the necessary relevant background information to help inform Council decisions. All Motions being added to a council agenda need adequate time to allow Council to properly reflect on a motion by reviewing proposed changes, asking questions, seeking additional information, and understanding the rationale of motions.

The Clerk and Council Members are expected to proactively work together towards a completed motion submission for an addition to the Council Agenda.

Item:

Support AMO Report: Joint and Several Liability Reform

Resolution:

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance across Ontario continues to increase;

AND WHEREAS municipal Joint and Several Liability Insurance asks ratepayers in their respective communities to carry the financial burden of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault;

AND WHEREAS Espanola can expect up to a 10% increase in general liability insurance premiums in 2025, depending on market conditions, and these increases are a critical budget consideration this year;

AND WHEREAS These increases are unsustainable, especially for smaller communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario immediately adopt the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO's) seven key recommendations as outlined in their 2019 report: *Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs*;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Hon. Doug Downey, Ontario Attorney General; MPP Michael Mantha; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Mover: Aidan Kallioinen

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Issue:

Municipalities are increasingly exposed to liability and joint and several liability reform is needed to ease the financial burden this has on municipal budgets.

Purpose/Rationale for the Motion:
(i.e., How does it solve the issue)

The motion seeks to adopt the 7 proposals as outlined by AMO's report.

Resources:

- Re: *Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs* (AMO) October 2019.
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Signature of Member

Oct. 14th, 2024
Date

Signature of Clerk

Date