

TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE
118th COUNCIL

Motion No. 13-118-18

Communication: _____

Moved by: *Staley*

Seconded by: *Ed Sonnenburg*

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities are looking for an update fiscal arrangement that will diversify their revenue sources beyond the property tax, which does not respond at the same pace as growth, and provide them with the fiscal capacity to be fiscally sustainable;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities generate significant wealth to support the national economy of Canada;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities are seeking a more equitable distribution of the wealth that is generated in their communities, so that they can remain economically competitive and sustain and enhance the public infrastructure necessary to attract investment;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities need a permanent share of growth-responsive revenues to assist local governments in addressing many of the challenges they are currently facing, such as aging and insufficient infrastructure, growing responsibilities, increasing social; and environmental pressures, rapid urbanization and lack of sufficient financial resources;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has acknowledged that it intends to restore fiscal balance among all orders of government; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada continues to record annual budgetary surpluses;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Carleton Place calls on the Government of Canada and our fellow municipalities in Lanark County and the Association of Municipalities in Ontario to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in its request for an annual share equivalent to one cent of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues with Canadian municipalities, which would yield approximately \$5 billion per year for all municipalities in Canada.

Certified True Copy of By-law No. 13-118-18 as introduced
by the Council of the Town of Carleton Place on
the 26th day of June, 2007.

D. H. Rogers
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Clerk
Town of Carleton Place

Carried *June 26th*, 2007

Paul Dulmage
Paul Dulmage, Mayor