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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., B.A., M.A.
House of Commons
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Refunding One Cent of Existing GST

Please be advised that Stratford City Council, in session on July 9, 2007, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the inadequate patch-work of existing federal and provincial programs has not addressed the funding problems experienced by cities across Canada;

And Whereas a major funding gap exists between what Canadian cities can do compared to what they need to do to keep themselves economically strong and attractive to investment;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Stratford City Council hereby requests the federal government return one cent of the existing GST as a reliable and permanent source of funding to municipalities, which funding will grow as the economy grows, for municipalities to:

- **Pave roads,**
- **Build transportation projects,**
- **Help municipalities become cleaner and greener,**
- **Support services such as recreation centres, parts and other city facilities and,**
- **Invest in new services as our population increased.**

Yours sincerely,

Joan Thomson
City Clerk
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c: The Honourable James M. Flaherty, P.C., M.P.
Mayor David Miller, Toronto
Gary Schellengerger, MP
John Wilkinson, MPP
All municipalities in Perth County