



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Motion by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

WHEAREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities. **Resolution Number: 2023: 054 Carried**



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