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Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca

Lorne Coe M.P.P, Whitby lorne.coe@pc.ola.org

Re: Provincial Funding for Municipal By-law Enforcement Costs related to Proof of Vaccination Policy

Please be advised that at a meeting held on October 4, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 258-21:

Whereas the Province enacted a proof of vaccination policy which took effect on September 22, 2021; and,

Whereas on September 1, 2021 Premier Ford stated that By-law Officers may be responsible for enforcing issues of non-compliance for regulated businesses that fail or refuse to require proof of vaccination for their patrons; and,

Whereas municipal By-law Officers have dedicated significant time and resources enforcing Provincial mandates and guidelines throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, including enforcement of stay-at-home orders, all of which is outside of core municipal by-law enforcement responsibilities; and,

Whereas costs for municipal By-law Officers are borne by residents and businesses in Whitby and not the Province;

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Council requests that the Province provide funding to local municipalities for municipal by-law enforcement costs related to issues of non-compliance as a result of the Province's proof of vaccination policy; and,

2. That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Premier Ford, M.P.P. Lorne Coe, and all Durham municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

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