



# ***Township of Wilmot*** **REPORT**

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**REPORT NO.**            **CL 2019-22**

**TO:**                      **Council**

**PREPARED BY:**      **Tracey Murray, Deputy Clerk**

**DATE:**                 **May 13, 2019**

**SUBJECT:**             **Provincial Regional Review – Open House**

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## **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS the Ontario Government is reviewing the governance, decision-making and service delivery functions of eight (8) regional municipalities and Simcoe County including Waterloo Region;

AND WHEREAS among the options being considered is amalgamation or dissolution of the two-tier governance model;

AND WHEREAS independent studies to date have referenced that amalgamation does not save money and actually decreases civic engagement;

AND WHEREAS the CAO's within the Region of Waterloo have an ongoing, long-standing practice of evaluating and implementing service delivery improvements that benefit the residents of Waterloo Region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Wilmot Council supports a two-tier governance model that fosters civic engagement, collaboration and efficient service delivery, while allowing the Township of Wilmot to deliver the services desired by our constituents through this accountable and transparent model, and;

THAT staff be directed to forward, for information, all unaltered comments, feedback, the resolution and staff report, as well as a copy of the Provincial Governance Review Information Package to Minister Clark and the Special Advisors, Mr. Ken Seiling and Mr. Michael Fenn.

## **Background:**

Council hosted a Provincial Governance Review Open House on April 30, 2019. The Open House allowed for Wilmot Township residents to obtain information on the review

and provide their feedback, through written submission and/or the completion of a survey. The residents were also able to complete the survey on-line from April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion:**

Residents were given the opportunity to provide written feedback and participate in a survey that will result in Council directing staff to forward, for information, all unaltered comments and feedback provided to them and a copy of this report and a copy of the Provincial Regional Governance Review Information Package that had been previously created for residents, to Minister Steve Clark and the Special Advisors, Mr. Ken Seiling and Mr. Michael Fenn. For Council information purposes, all received comments are attached to this report.

The survey was accessible for 7 days and had 221 on-line responses. Of those submissions, 176 responses were in favour of maintaining the current governmental structure, 44 were in favour of not maintaining the current structure and one (1) response expressed concerns with how to answer the questions when they were unclear of the process. These results will also be provided as part of the package to Minister Steve Clark and the Special Advisors.

The resolution being presented for approval is in line with the resolutions and/or messaging of all 8 municipalities in the Region of Waterloo.

**Strategic Plan Conformity:**

We are an engaged community through communicating municipal matters.

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil.

**Conclusion:**

That the report be received for information.

Tracey Murray  
Prepared by Deputy Clerk

Dawn Mittelholtz  
Submitted by  
Director of Clerk's Services

Grant Whittington  
Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:  
Provincial Regional Governance Review Information Package  
One (1) Handwritten Comment Submission

Board of Trade Letter

Resident Letter - Anne Loeffler

Resident Letter - Kevin Thomason

Resident Letter - Don Heimpel