May 5, 2009

To All Municipalities in Ontario
Subject: Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall, at its regular meeting of Monday April 27, 2009, endorsed a Resolution appealing the Government of Ontario to exempt the fees paid for the rental of recreation facilities and registration fees for minor sports organizations from the recently announced Harmonized Sales Tax.

It is the position of Cornwall City Council that recreational activities for the youth of our communities, regardless of which activity they participate in, is paramount to helping communities minimize child obesity as well as creating a healthy and affordable lifestyle. In addition, the application of this tax to these activities and the accompanying added costs could result in making minor sports unaffordable for families.

The Resolution further requests support from The Association of Municipalities of Ontario on this most important issue.

We include a copy of this Resolution for Council’s consideration and endorsement and ask that you forward your support to the Premier of Ontario as well as AMO.

Respectfully,

Denise Labelle-Gélinas
C.M.O.
City Clerk

Resolution number: 2009-27.03
Moved by Councillor: Glen Grant
Seconded by Councillor: Kim Baird

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has recently announced the harmonization of the 5% GST and the 8% PST; and

WHEREAS, the Harmonized Sales Tax will negatively impact the registration costs for minor sports by an increase in facility rental fees and registration fees; and

WHEREAS these increased costs will prevent some youth from participating in sporting activities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, City Council, send an appeal to the Provincial Government to exempt items related to the rental of recreation facilities and registration fees for minor sports to ensure that all youth are able to afford to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, City Council, request to have AMO lobby the Provincial Government on our behalf; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

I, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Resolution Number 2009-27.03 enacted by Council on the 27th day of April, 2009.

Denise Labelle-Gélinas, C.M.O.
City Clerk

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