ATTENTION MUNICIPAL CEMCS:

WHEREAS the Federal Government is responsible for grants for emergency planning and equipment through the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP);

AND WHEREAS the funding formula and application process have not been revised for many years;

AND WHEREAS the timelines outlined in the application process are based on a fiscal year whereas the Municipality operates on a calendar year;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs in 2002, through the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, petitioned the Federal Government to increase grants and reduce limitations through the JEPP process, with no resolve;

AND WHEREAS all Municipalities must meet and maintain the emergency preparedness requirements outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O., 1990;

AND WHEREAS changing weather patterns are resulting in more frequent and more violent storms;

AND WHEREAS in 2006, many municipalities including the Township of Scugog incurred significant costs for the cleanup following these storms;

AND WHEREAS funding is required, particularly by small, rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Scugog petitions the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Emergency Management Ontario and the Federal Government to revise the funding formula and application process for the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program to increase grants available for emergency preparedness purposes and reduce funding limitations;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Bev Oda, MP, and Mr. John O'Toole, MPP, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Commissioner of Emergency Management Ontario, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, the Director of Durham Emergency Management Office, and to the Association of Municipalities for distribution to all CEMCs in Ontario for endorsement.

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