The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Tweed at their regular meeting held July 22, 2008.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed is a rural municipality in eastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has 575 kilometres of roadway which it is responsible to maintain;

AND WHEREAS the maintenance of these roads involves consumption of gasoline and diesel fuel for the municipal fleet;

AND WHEREAS heating fuels for the municipal buildings has also increased considerably;

AND WHEREAS the price of petroleum products are expected to continue skyrocketing prior to year’s end;

AND WHEREAS our Municipality spent $128,417.55 on gasoline and diesel fuels and $40,199.68 on furnace oil in 2007;

AND WHEREAS our calculation for gasoline and diesel fuels based on today’s cost per litre would be $190,485.82 and furnace oil increase would be $65,723.28, a total increase of $87,591.17 which represents a 52% increase over previous years.

AND WHEREAS the increased costs of fuel oils are borne by the taxpayers of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the majority of taxpayers living in this rural Municipality travel to their places of employment;

AND WHEREAS the high gas prices discourage the sustainability of small communities and prohibits non-urban living;

AND WHEREAS the taxpayers of the Municipality are facing increased municipal costs as well as individual costs for vehicle gas and home heating;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed request that the Provincial and Federal governments become involved and reduce taxes on petroleum products, including the Provincial road taxes and the Federal Excise Tax;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Hastings and our Provincial and Federal members of Parliament for consideration, action and support.