

June 17, 2020

Moved by: Marcus Ryan

“WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Zorra supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Sand, Stone and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Zorra has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That the Council of the Township of Zorra does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- b) The Council of the Township of Zorra believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;
- c) The Council of the Township of Zorra hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and
- d) The Council of the Township of Zorra directs the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a copy of this motion to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the local MPP(s).”