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Monday, January 20, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Legislative Building, Room 281 Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1 <u>Premier@ontario.ca</u>

Tho Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria Minister of Transportation 5th Flr, 777 Bay St Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8 <u>minister.mto@ontario.ca</u> SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the January 13, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; **And Whereas,** the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, participially in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province; Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Huron; and all six neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities. The Town of Goderich 57 West Street Goderich, Ontario N7A 2K5 519-524-8344 townhall@goderich.ca www.goderich.ca



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or <u>afisher@goderich.ca</u>

Yours truly,

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Andrea Fisher Director of Legislative Services/Clerk /ab

Enclosed:

- 1. Policy Note Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario
- 2. Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Letter of Support
- cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing <u>minister.mah@ontario.ca</u> Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs <u>minister.mra@ontario.ca</u> The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) <u>amopresident@amo.on.ca</u> Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) <u>roma@roma.on.ca</u> Meredith Staveley-Watson, Manager of Government Relations, EOWC <u>info@eowc.org</u> The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, <u>info@eowc.org</u> The County of Huron and all neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.