



TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: March 11, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 18a

Subject: Resolution - Expanding Rural Transportation Options in Ontario

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski

Seconded by: Jamie Laurin

WHEREAS, the Township of Russell faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

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;

WHEREAS, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

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;

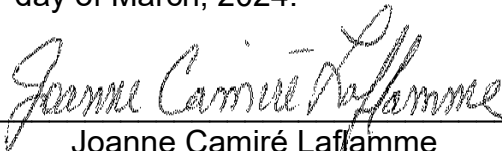
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Russell Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Russell 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 David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell; Stéphane Sarrazin, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR); and all eight UCPR municipalities.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 11th day of March, 2024.



 Joanne Camiré Laflamme
 Clerk

Recorded vote	For		Against	Carried	x	Defeated	
Lisa Deacon				Amended		Deferred	
Jamie Laurin							
Pierre Leroux				<i>Presiding Officer</i>			
Marc Lalonde							
Mike Tamowski				<i>Clerk</i>			