



October 10, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
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**RE: Review of Local Transportation Options**

At the regular meeting of Town Council held on October 8, 2024, the Council of the Town of St. Marys received a report regarding local transportation options including a resolution from the Municipality of Brighton which is enclosed for reference.

At the meeting, Council for the Town of St. Marys passed a resolution which included the following statement:

**THAT Council for the Town of St. Marys expresses its support for the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level and 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 ridesharing services across the province**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information or clarification regarding this resolution of Town Council.

Sincerely,

Jenna McCartney  
Clerk

cc: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation



**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Resolution COU-2024-063**

**Moved By:** Councillor Byron Faretis

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeff Wheeldon

Whereas, the Municipality of Brighton 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;

And 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, particularly 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 Municipality of Brighton 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 Municipality of Brighton 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 Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.