



# Tax Recovery Group

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Recently the Ontario Government announced that as of July 1, 2010 it would harmonize GST with PST so that Ontario GST registrants would begin charging 13% HST.

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Currently there is speculation that Municipalities would receive a rebate of ONLY 78% of all HST paid !!

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We are asking that you write your MPP as well as Mr. Dalton McGuinty's office requesting that the rebate be 100% of HST to simplify the process. Further, Municipalities should not be burdened with the cost of tax to operate, as the expense portion of tax simply gets passed on through property tax and user fees.

Since the rebate is in the discussion phase now, it is important to be heard now.

I have enclosed a copy of our letter to Mr. McGuinty on the same subject. Please feel free to use this letter or create your own.

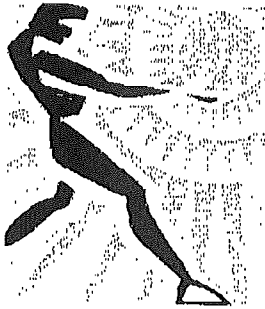
You can reach the Premier of Ontario at:

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Sincerely,

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Mr. McGuinty:

Tax Recovery Group has been working diligently for the reduction of unnecessary taxes for Municipalities since 1992. Often our reviews find too many complicated rules, for a client that is struggling to keep finances to a minimum.

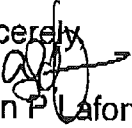
Indirect Taxes cost Taxpayers a tremendous amount of money, and there is a public perception that there is no tax in property taxes in Ontario. Currently Municipalities pay a substantial amount of Provincial Sales Tax which is included in the cost to provide the services to their residents.

Any Tax from one level of government to another is not fair to the end users which are the residents of Ontario. Having that Tax burden picked up as a hidden cost is simply not the way any of us want to conduct business.

It is exciting to think that Ontario is moving to a fair tax with HST as it will be visible and the rules are very clear, as well it should provide an additional much needed cost reduction for Ontario Business.

It has been rumored that the rebate for Municipalities will be 78%. We would hope that this is simply a rumour and that Municipalities will receive a 100% rebate instead to support the increased downloading to Municipalities for costs during an uncertain time.

We hope that you will consider this and that July 1, 2010 Municipalities can count on further simplification to ensure efficient cash flow, and a fair tax system to all residents.

Sincerely,  
  
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