



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
January 16, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk/Operations Clerk, Town of Petrolia re: Removal of municipal councillors under prescribed circumstances.
- 2) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*.
 - a) City of Toronto
 - b) Municipality of Magnetawan
 - c) Town of Newmarket
 - d) Township of West Lincoln
 - e) City of Cambridge
 - f) City of Kingston
 - g) Municipality of Centre Hastings
 - h) City of Owen Sound
 - i) Township of Brock
- 3) Correspondence from the Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Malahide re: Federal Cannabis Act review.
- 4) Correspondence from the President & CEO, Bruce Power re: Congratulations and update.
- 5) Correspondence from the Clerk, Lanark County re: Intimate partner violence (IPV) and violence against women (VAW).
- 6) Correspondence from the following municipalities re: Bill 3, *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*.
 - a) Municipality of Greenstone
 - b) Township of Lake of Bays
- 7) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Tweed re: Natural gas prices.
- 8) Correspondence from the Clerk, City of Kingston re: *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*.
- 9) Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* and Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.
- 10) Correspondence from Thomas Duyck re: Alternatives to pumped hydro.
- 11) Correspondence from Liz Crocket re: World Cancer Day event.
- 12) Correspondence from the Trails and Forestry Coordinator, Grey County re: Forest harvest operation.

December 1, 2022

Karine Pelletier
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of McGarry
Via email

RE: motion dated September 13, 2022 regarding misogyny and hatred, and strengthening powers of the Integrity Commissioner the ability to recommend expulsion of members of council.

Dear Ms. Pelletier,

During the November 28, 2022 regular meeting of council, correspondence circulated to council regarding the above was discussed, with the following resolution of support was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Joel Field

*“THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support the Township of McGarry and their resolutions in relation to strengthening the powers of the Integrity Commissioner and the ability's to recommend the expulsion of councillors in circumstances of misogyny, hatred and all forms of discrimination;
AND THAT this support also be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.”*

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MMAH
Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 22-CC1.2**

November 25, 2022

MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO

**Subject: New Business Item 1.2
Update on Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Ward All)**

City Council on November 23 and 24, 2022, adopted this Item, as amended, and in so doing has:

1. Requested the Province of Ontario to extend the commenting period on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to at least January 31, 2023 to enable time for consultation, consideration of alternative options and thorough analysis of both short and long-term impacts.

2. Requested the Province of Ontario to:

a. not proceed with any changes that reduce municipal development charges, community benefit charges or parkland dedication, including:

i. removing housing services from development charges;

ii. retroactively phasing in development charges over a 5 year period on top of City Council's previously adopted two-year phase-in that was mutually agreed upon with the development industry;

iii. discounting rates for purpose built rental units;

iv. adding new exemptions;

v. introducing caps to the development charges determined date and instalments interest rates;

vi. extending the development charges historic service level caps from 10 to 15 years;

v. removing growth studies and land acquisition costs from development charges recovery; and

vi. reducing caps to parkland dedication by-laws;

b. instead of the above-noted changes, create a provincial incentive program provided directly to developers or homeowners through targeted grants, rebate and other financial incentive programs; and

c. alternatively, create a municipal compensation fund to compensate municipalities for the impacts of Bill 23 on municipal growth funding revenues.

3. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 23 to preserve the City's Green standard, Rental Replacement Policy, parkland provisions, community benefits charges and Development Charges to facilitate responsible growth.

4. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 23 to preserve Toronto's ability to require a green development standards checklist (Toronto Green Standard) for a complete planning application.

5. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend the Planning Act to enable the implementation of Inclusionary Zoning across the City and incorporate definitions of affordable housing that respond to low and moderate household income.

6. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend the definition of "Affordable Housing" to follow the City of Toronto's "Official Plan Amendment 558 - Updating the Definitions of Affordable Rental and Ownership Housing", as approved by City Council on November 9, 2021.

7. Requested the Province of Ontario to enact a Regulation to permit the use of conditional zoning, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

8. Requested the Province of Ontario to delay the implementation of refunds for development applications in light of the significant changes to the Planning regulations and internal City processes regarding development.

9. Requested the Provincial government to provide funding and funding tools to the City, matching the amount of revenue lost through development charges, community benefits charges, and Section 42 of the Planning Act in Bill 23 to ensure the services needed to facilitate responsible growth continue to be delivered.

10. Requested the Province of Ontario to rescind the proposed changes to the Greenbelt to protect environmental features that support biodiversity, natural spaces, recreation trails, agricultural land, and watersheds that sustain all residents of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

11. Requested the Province of Ontario to retain the existing roles and responsibilities of the regional conservation authorities.

12. Requested the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to change the effective date of the Refund of Fees for official plan amendments, zoning by-laws and site plan control applications contained in Bill 109, from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023.

13. Requested the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to postpone enacting regulations under Schedule 4 of Bill 23, which would grant the Minister authority to impose limits and conditions on municipalities' regulation of demolition or conversion of rental units, until such time as there has been focused consultations with municipalities as part of the development of Minister's regulations to ensure municipalities can continue to require replacement rental housing and support impacted tenants.

14. Requested the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, through a majority vote, to withdraw Bill 23.

Yours truly,



for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mm

Attachment

- Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario
Leader of the Official Opposition, Province of Ontario
President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario MPPs
Ontario Municipalities
- c. City Manager

City Council

New Business - Meeting 1

CC1.2	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

City Council Decision

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 - vi. extending the development charges historic service level caps from 10 to 15 years;
 - v. removing growth studies and land acquisition costs from development charges recovery; and
 - vi. reducing caps to parkland dedication by-laws;
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14. City Council request the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, through a majority vote, to withdraw Bill 23.
15. City Council direct the City Manager make public the impacts of Bill 23 on specific capital projects which will not proceed in each Provincial and Federal Riding.

16. City Council direct the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the Planning and Housing Committee on guiding policies to assist City Council in gauging planning importance when considering requests that City Council initiate a Toronto Local Appeal Body appeal.

17. City Council request the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the Planning and Housing Committee with a legal strategy to challenge the Province of Ontario's potential removal of Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, and explore alternate means to protect rental units from demolition and conversion.

18. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to commence a public information campaign to inform all City residents of the impacts of Bill 23 and the changes to neighbourhoods, prevailing built forms, housing, civic engagement, the greenbelt, climate change, affordable housing, rental protection, community infrastructure, parks, heritage and cost of living that it may bring about.

19. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Summary

On October 25, 2022 the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 in the Ontario Legislature.

Bill 23 proposes extensive changes to the policy-led planning and development system under which municipalities in Ontario work. Details and preliminary analysis of the implications of Bill 23 were shared with the Mayor and City Councillors on November 3, 2022 (see Attachment 1).

Bill 23 passed 2nd Reading on October 31, 2022 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (Standing Committee) for review. The Standing Committee has held two days of public hearings to date (November 8, 2022 in Markham and November 9, 2022 in Brampton), and is scheduled to hear two more on November 16 and 17, 2022 in Toronto.

The Chief Planner, along with supporting staff, is scheduled to depute to the Standing Committee at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2022. A livestream of the public hearing will be made available on the Ontario Legislative Assembly website at this link: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/video/committees-room-no-1>.

Staff are also preparing written comments for submission to the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee is scheduled to conduct a clause-by-clause review of Bill 23 on Monday, November 21, 2022, during which amendments to the bill may be proposed, considered and voted upon.

Staff will provide a supplementary report outlining City staff's submission to the Standing Committee and the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting regarding Bill 23 and the results from the Standing Committee's consideration of the bill in advance of the November 24, 2022 meeting of City Council.

Background Information (City Council)

- (November 16, 2022) Report from the City Manager and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (CC1.2) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230055.pdf>)
- (November 3, 2022) Attachment 1 - Interim City Manager's FYI Briefing Note to Mayor and Members of Council - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230056.pdf>)
- (November 22, 2022) Supplementary report from the Interim City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Staff Comments on Proposed Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (CC1.2a) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230130.pdf>)
- Attachment 1 - City of Toronto Comments on Proposed Bill 23 (submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Ontario Regulatory Registry November 22, 2022) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230131.pdf>)
- Attachment 2 - Chief Planner Presentation Notes to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (November 17, 2022) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230132.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

- (November 21, 2022) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) (CC.Supp) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156534.pdf>)
- (November 22, 2022) Letter from Andria Babbington, President, Toronto and York Region Labour Council (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156573.pdf>)
- (November 23, 2022) Letter from Jason Ash, Chair, Leaside Towers Tenants Association (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156570.pdf>)
- (November 22, 2022) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs, Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156571.pdf>)
- (November 22, 2022) Letter from Maureen Kapral, President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156572.pdf>)
- (November 24, 2022) Letter from Walied Khogali, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156578.pdf>)
- (November 24, 2022) Letter from Henry Wiercinski, Vice President, Annex Residents' Association and Sue Dexter, Board, Harbord Village Resident's Association (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156579.pdf>)
- (November 24, 2022) Letter from Jin Huh, Executive Director, Social Planning Toronto (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156581.pdf>)
- (November 24, 2022) Letter from Mike Mattos, President, Judith Hayes, Vice President, and Rick Ciccarelli, Executive Board Associate, Mount Dennis Community Association (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156542.pdf>)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 332

DECEMBER 07, 2022

Moved by: [Signature]

Seconded by: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence regarding Bill 23 the Build More Homes Faster Act;

AND WHEREAS Council appreciates and understands that the lack of attainable and affordable housing is an important issue facing the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will have economic, social, and environmental implications that will affect several acts including but not limited to the *Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, 1997, Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021, Planning Act* and may make changes to the *Ontario Building Code* along with the financial burden that this legislation will have on municipalities and existing homeowners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan concurs with York Region Council and many others that the legislative program under the umbrella of the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan must be paused in order to have a more in-depth consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conversation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition and interim leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred [Signature]

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*

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December 15, 2022

Sent via email

RE: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on December 12, 2022, Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas the Government of Ontario recently passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 without providing meaningful or adequate opportunity for municipalities to provide input on ways to increase the supply of housing and to improve housing affordability in Ontario while ensuring the financial capacity of municipalities to support growth and protection of the environment; and,

Whereas Bill 23 will have significant negative impact on heritage housing, green standards, environmental protection of wetlands, conservation, social housing and other significant areas of concern; and,

Whereas a preliminary analysis of Bill 23 by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) indicates the transfer of up to \$1 billion a year in costs from private sector developers to property taxpayers without any likelihood of improved housing affordability while also undermining environmental protection; and,

Whereas the Town of Newmarket has been specifically identified as a growth area, with a target to introduce 12,000 new homes by 2031, despite a lack of sewage capacity until the southern solution as mandated by the province is completed; and,

Whereas municipal estimates vary between a property tax impact of Bill 23 between five and 15 per cent; and,

Whereas a growing number of municipalities have joined in expressing their concern with the negative impacts of Bill 23;



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Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Town of Newmarket formally express its opposition to Bill 23 in its current form and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and MPP Newmarket-Aurora Dawn Gallagher-Murphy; and,
2. That the Town of Newmarket formally submits its inability to meet the stated target of 12,000 new homes by 2031; and,
3. That a copy of this resolution also be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini
Deputy Clerk

Copy:
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



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December 13, 2022

City of Niagara Falls
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Attn: Bill G. Matson, City Clerk

Dear Mr. Matson:

RE: "Bill 23, The More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022"

This is to confirm that at the Dec 12, 2022 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of West Lincoln receive and support the correspondence, dated November 22, 2022, from the City of Niagara Falls regarding "Bill 23, The More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022";

AND WHEREAS Council appreciates and understands that the lack of attainable and affordable housing is an important issue facing the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will have economic, social, and environmental implications that will affect several acts including but not limited to the Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, 1997, Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021, Planning Act and may make changes to the Ontario Building Code along with the financial burden that this legislation will have on municipalities and existing homeowners;

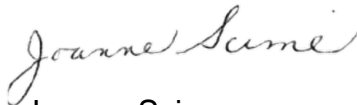
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of West Lincoln concurs with City of Niagara Falls Council and many others that the legislative program under the umbrella of the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan must be paused in order to have

a more in-depth consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conversation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition and Interim Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5136.

Yours Truly,



Joanne Scime
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conversation and Parks,
Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry,
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December 21, 2022

Re: City of Cambridge - Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

Municipalities of Ontario,

At the Special Council Meeting of December 15, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

Moved By: Councillor Roberts

Seconded By: Councillor Hamilton

Whereas the More Homes Built Faster Act received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022; and

Whereas these changes that will have significant impacts on several provincial Acts and in turn, significant and longstanding impacts on Ontario municipalities; and

Whereas the Act defines affordable housing as 80% of the market rate; and

Whereas a definition of affordability which is tied to a percentage of market rates remains largely unaffordable for many; and

Whereas the province has restricted the use of inclusionary zoning by limiting it to 5% of dwellings within a development, thereby limiting affordable housing opportunities; and

Whereas the province has restricted the use of inclusionary zoning by capping the time to remain affordable at 25 years, thereby limiting the longevity of housing affordability; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial definition of affordable be based on income and not market rates, and

Be it further resolved that the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial limitation of 5% of the use of inclusionary zoning within a development be increased; and

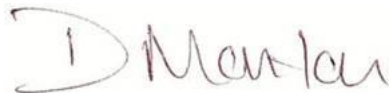
Be it further resolved that the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial timelines regarding the use of inclusionary zoning affordable housing be increased beyond 25 years;

Be it further resolved that the Cambridge City Council requests that the Province reconsider how the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, will negatively impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, and loss of farmland; and

Be it further resolved that Cambridge City Council also supports the resolution passed on December 8, 2022 by the Ontario Big City Mayors regarding the More Homes Built Faster Act.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
City of Cambridge Council



Office of the City Clerk

December 15, 2022

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier:

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 6, 2022 – New Motion 2 – Bill 23,
More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

At the regular meeting on December 6, 2022, Council approved New Motion 2 with respect to request to the Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. At the same meeting, the following resolution was approved:

Whereas this is the first opportunity for the newly elected City of Kingston's Municipal Council to comment on the Provincial Government's Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 which received royal assent on November 28, 2022; and

Whereas Bill 23 will negatively impact municipalities' ability to manage growth, fund essential services and provide new infrastructure for the community resulting in fewer affordable housing units and putting pressure on the municipal tax rate by freezing, reducing, and exempting fees and development charges; and

Whereas Bill 23 will have a negative environmental impact by removing the Conservation Authority's ability to review and consult on development's impacting natural heritage and conservation; and

Whereas Bill 23 will result in reduced parkland for municipalities; and

Whereas Bill 23 will open up the Greenbelt for development when the Greenbelt should remain an environmentally protected area so it can continue to help with flood control, provide clean air, and protect us from natural disasters;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Kingston formally opposes Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, including the legislative changes that significantly reduce the of the role of the Conservation Authorities, which provide valuable consultation advice and technical support to municipalities to ensure housing is built in a safe way and does not cause any unintended environmental consequences; and

That the City of Kingston formally request that the Province provides;

1. Funding be put in place for municipalities to replace the loss in development charges and revenue, also that the province should provide funding for municipalities to offer and build affordable housing which could include units at 50% market value and geared to income, and funding be available to municipalities to compensate for the reduction of parkland conveyance to allow the city to acquire the needed parkland; and
2. A process to have methods to encourage underutilized privately owned lands within the municipal boundary; and

That the Corporation of the City of Kingston request the provincial government undertake consultation to allow municipalities the much needed time to review the impact of the Regulations associated with Bill 23 once issued and be provided a minimum of 90 days to review and report back to the province with comments and suggestions regarding the Regulations; and

That a copy of this Motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), Hon. Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), Hon. Victor Fedeli (Chair of Cabinet), Hon. Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier), Hon. Michael Parsa (Associate Minister of Housing), Hon. Graydon Smith (Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry), Peter Tabuns (Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party), John Fraser (Interim Leader of the Liberal Party), Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Green Party), Ted Hsu (MPP for Kingston and the Islands), ROMA, Ric Bresee (MPP for Lennox & Addington) and John Jordan (MPP for Kingston, Frontenac & Lanark); and

That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



John Bolognone
City Clerk
/nb

- C.C. Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Steve Clark
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Hon. Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry
Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party
John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party
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January 3rd 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attn: The Honourable Steve Clark
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Re: Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Centre Hastings passed the following resolution at the Regular Meeting of Council held Wednesday December 14th, 2022:

RC/12/14-15-2022

More Homes Built Faster Act Correspondance from:

- 8.4 Norfolk County
- 8.5 Aurora
- 8.6 Orangeville

“That Council support 8.4, 8.5, 8.6.”

Council would like to express their sincere support to all municipalities who have put forth resolutions regarding their concerns for Bill 23.

Should you require anything further to address the above noted resolution, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Typhany Choinard
CAO/Clerk



Clerks and Bylaw

November 17, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Bill 23 "*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*"

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at the November 16, 2022 Council-in-Committee meeting:

Resolution No. 13

Moved By: Mayor Martin

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

WHEREAS on October 25, 2022, the Provincial government introduced Bill 23 known as the "More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022";

AND WHEREAS the overall stated purpose of Bill 23 is to introduce several legislative changes to increase housing supply throughout Ontario and to achieve the province's goal of 1.5 million homes over the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes include significant changes to six pieces of legislation including but not limited to development charges reform, diminished role of conservation authorities, removal of legislated planning responsibilities from some upper-tier municipalities, removal of public consultation in relation to subdivisions, adjusting the rights of appeal by third parties, and adjusting how growth-related capital infrastructure is paid for;

AND WHEREAS commenting timelines for these new proposed changes is constricted with some comments due on November 24, 2022, for many of the proposed changes;

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AND WHEREAS given the enormity of the proposed changes and potential long-term financial impacts to municipalities, including Norfolk County, additional time is needed to review, engage, and analyze the proposal to provide informed feedback;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. the County formally request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extend the commenting period for all components of the proposed Bill 23 to at least January 15, 2023 to allow for a more informed consultation period.
2. That the Mayor be directed to submit a letter on behalf of Norfolk County Council to the Ontario Minister of Municipal and Affairs MP, and local MPP, expressing concerns with the proposed legislation as detailed in staff memo CD-22-110, and the letter be circulated to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

Teresa Olsen
County Clerk
Norfolk County

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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Delivered by email
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Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.2 –
Mayor Mrakas – Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, omnibus legislation that received first reading in the provincial legislature on October 25, 2022, proposes changes to nine Acts. Many of these proposed changes are significant and will restrict how municipalities manage growth through implementation of the official plan and the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services; and

Whereas the effect of Bill 23 is that the Conservation Authority will no longer be able to review and comment on development applications and supporting environmental studies on behalf of a municipality; and

Whereas Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements; and

Whereas Bill 23 will remove all aspects of Site Plan Control of some residential development proposals up to 10 units. Changes would also remove the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, which in its current state will severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, and a municipality's ability to provide future services, amenities, and infrastructure, and negatively impact residential tax rates; and**

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November 23, 2022

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- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, local Members of Parliament Tony Van Bynen for Newmarket—Aurora and Leah Taylor Roy for Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader, New Democratic Party
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November 30, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark
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Re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

Dear Minister Clark,

Town of Orangeville acknowledges Bill 23, titled the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is part of a long-term strategy to provide attainable housing options for families across Ontario. We at the Town understand that Bill 23 is focused on the provincial government's stated goal of having 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years and aims to do so by reducing bureaucratic costs and delays in construction. While the Province's goals to resolve the housing crisis in the next decade is ambitious and necessary, it could potentially have unintended long-term financial and planning related consequences on municipalities, such as the Town of Orangeville.

On behalf of the Town of Orangeville Council, I put forward a list of concerns of potential unintended consequences arising from Bill 23:

1. Bill 23 could have a direct impact on the state of good repair mandate rolled out by the province in their recent legislation, O.Reg. 588/17. If growth is no longer paying for growth, that means **we may have to reallocate some of our lifecycle asset management dollars**, as required by the same legislation, towards growth related infrastructure.
2. Although we support the overarching message and intention of Bill 23 as it relates to housing affordability, we do question whether **overall quality of life and affordability of our citizens would be severely impacted due to higher taxes** and user fees. The Town of Orangeville has limited cost-recovery avenues, meaning Bill 23 may require cost-recovery within the recent Asset Management plan, resulting in a more significant infrastructure funding gap. This situation will be further exasperated if specific provisions of Bill 23 dilute our ability to cover infrastructure improvements through Development Charges.
3. Town of Orangeville is a fast-growing community with a comprehensive economic outlook for Industrial and Commercial developments. This could be compromised if we find ourselves having to **levy higher development charges for industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) developments to mitigate loss of Residential Development Charges**.



4. Under the current climate of impending global inflation, the Town is already struggling to keep its service levels affordable. Without any direct financial incentive from the province such as interest-free loans from Infrastructure Ontario, **we will lose our ability to build capacity for growth in service areas like Water and Wastewater.**

5. Improving residential development efficiencies and costs by limiting the role and scope of Conservation Authorities (CA) in the planning approval process is unclear. Like many municipalities, Orangeville relies on Conservation Authority support to provide guidance on natural hazard avoidance and ecological protection to ensure that the provincial policy framework around these issues is upheld in our planning decisions. **If CAs are removed from this advisory role, we must find alternative means in assuring such policies remain adhered-to.** It is unclear how this would improve approval timing efficiencies or save costs to residential developments. It could inevitably shoulder more costs to development in subsidizing municipal costs and/or consultant peer review support.

6. Orangeville supports the province's objectives of lowering costs and improving efficiency for residential development to deliver more housing to Ontarians; However, like many municipalities, our challenges for facilitating more housing within our community are not simply costs and process inefficiencies for developments. Instead, we are challenged by our limited municipal land availability and servicing capacity constraints. We ask that the province **explore actionable measures and tangible resource deployment to support our efforts to increase our land supply and infrastructure servicing capacity.**

According to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) recent submission to the Steering Committee of Bill 23, it states "The province has offered no evidence that the radical elements of the bill will improve housing affordability. It is more likely that the bill will enhance the profitability of the development industry at the expense of taxpayers and the natural environment." As the frontline level of government, municipalities are also eager to resolve the housing crisis and are the most informed on what is needed to create complete communities that Ontarians want and expect. We ask that the province view us as one of the strategic partners in further refining the More Homes Built Faster Act, and open more robust channels of communication and consultation.

Sincerely,

Lisa Post
Mayor

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
 The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon Member of Provincial Parliament
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December 21, 2022

Via email

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Re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 – Municipal Deadline for Comments

Dear Minister Clark and MPP Byers,

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, was released on October 25, 2022, with proposed changes to several pieces of legislation, including the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, the Conservation Authorities Act, the Ontario Heritage Act, and the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The City appreciated the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Legislation and, like other communities in the province are supporting a variety of initiatives toward the goal of building more homes and creating more affordable and attainable housing options.

The deadline for comments was November 24, 2022.

As you are aware, the Legislation was released the day following the Municipal Election in Ontario. With the pause in the regular meeting schedule, it was difficult to schedule meaningful and thorough reviews by Council following its inaugural meeting.

We know and appreciate that the Province values the partnership and relationship with local governments. We hope in the future, time can be made for review and the exchange of ideas prior to such significant changes to Legislation that has significant impacts on municipal governance and budgets.


Ian C. Boddy
Mayor

Cc: Members of Council
Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Pamela Coulter, Director of Community Services
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Tim Lanthier, Chief Administrative Officer, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
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Item 2.i

The Corporation of
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January 9, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Bill 23 Proposed Changes

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on December 12, 2022, endorsed the Township of Puslinch's Resolution No. 2022-366, a copy of which is enclosed for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

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Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

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Encl.

- cc. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – steve.clark@pc.ola.org
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November 17, 2022

RE: 9.3.3 Report ADM-2022-065 Bill 23 Proposed Changes

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 9, 2022 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2022-366: **Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey**

That Report ADM-2022-065 entitled Bill 23 Proposed Changes and Consent items 6.6 and 6.15 and Correspondence Item 10.4 be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch has received correspondence dated Oct. 25, 2022 from Minister Clark regarding the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23); and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council recognizes that there is a housing affordability concern in Ontario;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch Council advise the Province that it has significant concerns about the actions contained therein to:

1. Essentially remove meaningful public participation from the land use planning process;
2. Reduce the protection of natural heritage features/natural hazards, and the resulting impact on public health, public safety, and climate change objectives;
3. Reduce the important role of Conservation Authorities in the review of development applications (a loss of technical expertise critical to rural municipalities);



4. Eliminate the long-established regional planning framework in the Province;
5. Streamlining aggregate applications by permitting Ministry staff to make decisions until such time that more information is provided;
6. Financial implications of all of the impacts of Bill 23, by eliminating the long accepted concept of growth paying for growth, and shifting that burden to the tax payer through property taxes;
7. Proposed Heritage Act changes related to timelines to designate properties listed on the Registry with undesignated status undermines the ability of the community to save these structures through community engagement and goodwill; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch received the presentation from the Mill Creek Stewards;

Be it Resolved, that Puslinch Council request that the Ministry review the presentation by the Mill Creek Stewards; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch received the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board Resolution and the Halton Conservation Authority correspondence addressed to the Province;

Be it Resolved, that Puslinch Council supports the comments contained therein; and

That the presentation and the Council Resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Speaker Arnott, County of Wellington, AMO, ROMA, Grand River Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Municipal Clerk

CC:

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Mill Creek Steward's Comments On

Bill 23

Building Homes Faster Action Plan



Mr Mayor, Councillors

May we begin with our deepest sympathies, no I'm kidding, congratulations to you all on your recent election/acclamation. The Mill Creek Stewards believe you're going to have an especially significant and challenging term in office as municipalities try to define their role in the provincial-municipal relationship.

That relationship brings us to the "More Homes Built Faster Action Plan" proposed by the Ontario government and presented to you as Item 6.6 on today's Agenda.

The provincial government is trying to sell this Plan as a means of building homes faster and cheaper by empowering municipalities.

It does neither. This bill is a wolf in a sheepskin.

If we start with those innocent looking sheepskins. This plan supports:

- 1) Eliminating/reducing regional planning to allow more local input.
- 2) Streamlining and reducing the costs of development applications.
- 3) "As of right" Additional Residential Units ARUs
- 4) Building more homes near transit corridors.
- 5) Housing targets and helping homebuyers
- 6) Improving the Ontario Land Tribunal.

At least some are creditable goals!

We can't argue with those goals but if we look underneath we see wolves.

- 1) Eliminating regional planning. Does allow more local input but at significantly more local costs. At the same time, by stripping input from Conservation Authorities, the result is no cross-jurisdictional planning, a critical aspect of water, land and environment planning recognized and instituted decades ago and applauded internationally. To add insult to injury this plan requires CAs to define CA land suitable for housing development and removes barriers to their sale.
- 2) Streamlining and reducing application costs. Does allow for faster application approvals but is that the problem? The provincial government's own Housing Task Force in the spring of 2022 identified land availability and development applications as non-issues. Their maps showed the lands adjacent to communities, and still available for development, serve the province's needs for the next 30 years with minimal new lands and no greenbelt land. As well, lands proposed for removal from the greenbelt are farther from infrastructure and would cost municipalities significantly more to develop. It should be noted that there is a shortage associated with housing but its not land. The average house and lot size has doubled in the last twenty years, doubling resource consumption and creating a resource not housing shortage, which explains why so much approved-land sits undeveloped. While reducing application and development costs compromises the generation of critical municipal revenue necessary for essential housing infrastructure development, especially extended development. The province offers no offsets to cover municipality's significant losses in revenue, while at the same time downsizing CAs and regional governments, further increasing the administration costs of local municipalities.
- 3) "As of right" ARUs. A true sheep with no wolf but unnecessary as municipalities like Puslinch have already implemented this aspect in everything but name.
- 4) Building near transit corridors. Again a true sheep but very small compared to the wolves.
- 5) Housing targets and assisting homebuyers. Does help homebuyers through attainable housing targets and development fee exemptions but leaves large loopholes in who can buy attainable housing and especially resell, while fee exemptions include no provincial offsets, once again leaving the tax base of local municipalities to bear the costs.
- 6) Improving the OLT. Does sound positive but it's limited to eliminating third party i.e. community groups like ours from appealing any Official Plan or Zoning bylaw amendments while permitting industry to appeal. This is at the same time as the province has removed regional planning and the right of appeal from regional governments and right of input from CAs.

And sadly the province already has specific targets for these wolves:

Pitting its wolves against two Greenland agreements covering the Golden Horseshoe. The province seeks to reverse both agreements. In the case of both agreements, the means for amendments already exist. Its just criteria that protect critical aspects of the broader community need to be met first. The province claims these criteria that protect the environment, natural features and farmland are too slow but slower is not slow and slower is the way that democracy, government by the people, works to balance risk for the broad community.

Pitting wolves against the Greenbelt itself, where the province is seeking to remove large swaths of protected land, while promising to offset it with land elsewhere. No belt can do its job if its chewed in pieces and the Greenbelt is no different, especially when the offset lands are distant, less than presented and being recycled as they were trumpeted months ago. As stated previously, these lands are not even needed and the province was very clear prior to the election that the no land would be removed from the Greenbelt. At the same time the substitute restricted development lands are being passed to distant municipalities like Puslinch at no gain.

Pitting its wolves against two specific higher tier municipalities, Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo, whose land planning guided by referendums met provincial targets but ran counter to provincial wishes. In this case the province promises low tier municipalities the power to ignore higher tier planning. One of the most significant problems resulting from this Bill is the elimination of cross-jurisdictional planning associated with regional governments (higher tier) and our unique conservation authorities (watersheds).

Pitting its wolves against wetlands, farmland and natural heritage features is of particular concern to our group. The province has supplied little wolf detail in its Action Plan except in the case of wetlands through its "Proposed Changes to OWES". These changes are a preview of what we can expect with respect to all other areas of planning. The core of this proposal is reducing bureaucracy and its costs by eliminating provincial oversight. I refer you to the paper appendix where original text is in black and removed or added text is blue. Removed text has a line through it, which is most of the text. In essence little has been added and much taken way in the name of streamlining. This reduction doesn't empower municipalities. It is a crass means of cutting provincial costs, downloading research on municipalities and minimizing the effectiveness of land planning oversight: all while appearing to substitute municipal oversight, i.e. empowerment. Municipalities will either face significant additional planning staff costs or face approving by default, all applications for development.

Specifically the province proposes to almost totally eradicate Ministry input into land planning when it comes to evaluating farmland, water courses, natural heritage features, wetlands and endangered species. Unfortunately as a replacement it only offers municipalities one option: subjective evaluations done without the benefit of objective report frameworks (page 1), significantly reduced detail including references (page 2,3), potentially done by unskilled workers supervised at a distance, done without the benefit of experienced Conservation Authority and Ministry personnel and considered complete when presented to the appropriate planner regardless of comprehensiveness (page 4).

This is not municipal empowerment, just a means to chaos, chaos that disempowers municipalities in every case where the municipalities and province disagree.

Finally in finishing our review, we must comment on the cynical use throughout both Bill 23 and the OWES Plan, of the "offsets" concept. This offset concept sounds innocent but in effect it eliminates any protection municipalities may have still hoped to extend to their water sources, farmlands, wetlands, natural heritage

features, species habitats and greenlands. Worst is the offset fund aspect, which allows developers to circumvent substitution and simply pay for destruction. When destruction engenders millions of dollars, a few thousand dollars is a small price for developers to pay.

Bill 23 is not municipal empowerment but nuclear disempowerment. It won't build homes faster or cheaper but will have catastrophic effects on our environment including our Mill Creek.

We have no doubt the Township's staff have prepared a comprehensive review of this Plan but we felt given this Action Plan's massive and immediate impact even as far as the Provincial Policy Statement, required we add our voice in person.

We are especially concerned by its plan to deny community groups like ours the right to participate in planning decisions and further the right to appeal planning decisions if we somehow manage to learn about them.

Please consider a strong response to the province's request for input on this proposed Plan. Thank you for your time and attention.

Note this legislation while eliminating the right of community groups like ours to appeal municipal decisions, doesn't eliminate the right of industry (aggregate, housing etc.)

Note this legislation tries to distract from municipalities that are already resolving housing shortages with densification at much lower cost and speedier resolution.

Note the extremely short timeline for comment on this Bill as well as the shortened timelines on all ERO comment periods, reflects a provincial agenda while significantly stressing our municipal staff.

Note greenbelt lands and wetlands have already been bought cheaply by speculators anticipating government proposed changes, meaning the whole concept of greenbelt, i.e. its permanency, is being destabilized.

Note this legislation not only eliminates the requirement for CA input for development applications but forbids it, i.e. a gag order. "Required to look at watershed protection only without reference to development".

Note this legislation put the existence of the Provincial Policy Statement, the foundation of lower tier government planning, in question, as it over-rides the PPS on farmland, wetlands, natural heritage sites, species protection etc.



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A Healthy Watershed for Everyone

Via Email: gschwendinger@puslinch.ca

November 7, 2022

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Re: Hamilton Conservation Authority Board Resolution re. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposals in support of Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23

Dear Mr. Schwendinger,

On November 3, 2022, the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) Board of Directors passed the following unanimous resolution:

BD12, 3113

**MOVED BY: Jim Cimba
SECONDED BY: Brad Clark**

THAT the following key points regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposals in support of Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23 be sent to HCA's member municipalities:

- **Proposed changes should take into account a watershed-based approach to balance growth with the environment and public health and safety.**
- **CAs should continue with the ability to review and comment on natural heritage in permitting and planning applications and retain responsibility for**

Natural Hazard approvals to ensure safe development.

- **We request continued collaboration with the Province in regard to the proposed changes and support Conservation Ontario's call to engage with the established multi-stakeholder Conservation Authorities Working Group (CAWG) that helped guide the Province in its implementation of the last round of changes to the CA Act.**
- **Municipalities should retain the option to enter into MOUs with CAs for municipally requested advisory services.**
- **Permit CAs to work towards cost recovery targets so that development pays for development.**
- **The Province should recognize the importance of CA lands and ensure clear policies to protect them.**

CARRIED

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Burnside". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Burnside
CAO, Hamilton Conservation Authority



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October 31st, 2022

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Minister Smith and Minister Piccini,

We are writing to you in response to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, which was announced on Tuesday, October 25th, 2022, specifically regarding Schedule 2.

We agree that there is a housing supply and affordability issue in Ontario that needs to be pragmatically addressed. We support the government's commitment to reducing unnecessary barriers to development and streamlining processes. We share this commitment and publicly report on the standards of service delivery to illustrate our goal of providing the best customer service to the municipalities, communities, residents and developers we serve.

We will do our part to help the Province meet its goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next ten years. We think your stated outcomes are important but are concerned that your proposed legislative changes may have unintentional, negative consequences. Rather than creating the conditions for efficient housing development, these changes may jeopardize the Province's stated goals by increasing risks to life and property for Ontario residents.

1. Potential sweeping exemptions to transfer CA regulatory responsibilities to municipalities

Conservation Halton would like to understand the government's intentions with this proposed exemption. It is unclear whether it will be limited to certain types of low-risk development and hazards, or if the purpose is to transfer Conservation Authorities (CA) responsibilities to municipalities on a much broader scale. While the government wants to focus CAs on their core mandate, this proposed sweeping exemption signals the exact opposite. As proposed in the legislation, the CA exclusions will nullify the core functions of CAs and open up significant holes in the delivery of our natural hazard roles, rendering them ineffective. This will negatively

impact our ability to protect people and property from natural hazards, which seem to be more and more prevalent with extreme weather events.

Without limitations or further scoping, these proposed changes signal the likelihood of future delegation of CA permitting roles to municipalities that have neither capacity nor expertise in water resources engineering, environmental planning and regulatory compliance. This will result in longer response times and increased costs and impede the government's goal of making life more affordable.

Municipalities will also assume sole liability for the impact of development on natural hazards within municipal boundaries and on neighbouring upstream and downstream communities, which is a significant and new responsibility that they have never had to manage.

Key Recommendations:

- Address this risk expressly – keep all hazard-related responsibilities with CAs.
- Engage with the existing multi-stakeholder Conservation Authorities Working Group (CAWG) to ensure there is a streamlined, consistent and scoped process for CAs to help the Province achieve its housing goals while ensuring costs are low, the process is fast and Ontario taxpayers are protected.

2. Proposed change that would prohibit CAs from entering into MOUs with municipalities for other services (e.g., natural heritage reviews, select aspects of stormwater management reviews, etc.)

Conservation Halton has demonstrated that we can deliver these services efficiently without lengthening the approvals process. There is no evidence that municipalities can do this faster or cheaper. Bill 23 as currently written, precludes municipalities from entering into agreements with CAs to provide advice on environmental and natural heritage matters. They will have to coordinate with neighbouring municipalities and the Province on a watershed basis, rather than taking advantage of expertise already available within many CAs.

Key Recommendations:

- Municipalities should retain the option to enter into MOUs with CAs, with clearly defined terms, timelines and performance measures, as allowed under Section 21.1.1 (1) of the CA Act.
- Work with the CAWG to develop guidance for commenting and exploring the option of limiting CAs from commenting beyond natural hazards risks except where a CA has entered into an agreement or MOU.

3. Proposed change to freeze CA fees

This proposal has no guidelines on the timing or permanence of the fee freeze. Conservation Halton has already undertaken an extensive cost-based analysis that has been benchmarked against other development review fees to ensure our fees do not exceed the cost to deliver the service. We meet regularly with developer groups and municipalities to ensure our fees, processes and service standards are transparent, consistent and fair. We hope that you will be guided by your already approved fee policy that Conservation Halton supports, otherwise this change will impose additional costs on municipalities.

Key Recommendation:

- Require CAs to demonstrate to the Province that permit and planning fees do not exceed the cost to deliver the program or service and only consider freezing fees if CAs are exceeding 100% cost recovery.

4. Wetland Offsetting

Wetlands play a critical role in mitigating floods. Further wetland loss may result in serious flooding, putting the safety of communities at risk. Wetlands are a cost-effective strategy for protecting downstream properties. The

government must be prudent when considering changes like offsetting, which could negatively affect the ability of wetlands to reduce flooding and confuse roles in wetland management and protection between municipalities and CAs.

Conservation Halton is disciplined and focused on providing mandatory programs and services related to natural hazards. We have a transparent and proven track record of providing regulatory services that are streamlined, accountable and centred on rigorous service delivery standards. Our commitment focuses on stakeholder engagement, from meeting homeowners on-site to engaging with the development community to better understand perceived barriers. This approach helps us find innovative solutions for continued and safe growth in the municipalities we serve.

To ensure the most effective implementation of this Bill, we believe it is critical that the government presses pause on the proposed changes we have highlighted and meet with us to clarify and consider more effective alternatives. It is our hope that we can work with you again to safeguard the best possible outcomes for the people of Ontario.

You had such great success through the multi-stakeholder CA Working Group, which your Progressive Conservative government created and which Hassaan Basit, President and CEO of Conservation Halton, chaired. We strongly suggest continuing this engagement and we stand ready to help.

Sincerely,

Gerry Smallegange



Chair
Conservation Halton Board of Directors

Mayor Gordon Krantz




Town of Milton
Conservation Halton Board member

Mayor Rob Burton, BA, MS



Town of Oakville
Conservation Halton Board member

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward



City of Burlington
Conservation Halton Board member

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COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Jameson Pickard, Senior Policy Planner
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022
Subject: **Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of proposed changes recently introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing through the “More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022” (Bill 23) aimed at increasing housing supply in Ontario.

This report comments on parts of the amendments related to the land use planning and development approvals process and also highlights other changes under consideration that have impacts across County Departments, Member Municipalities and Conservation Authorities. The Treasury Department will report separately to the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee on the potential impacts related to development charges.

2.0 Background

The Provincial Government has proposed sweeping changes to multiple statutes, regulations, policies and other matters to help achieve the goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next 10 years. Bill 23 impacts nine statutes, including major changes to the Planning Act, Development Charges Act and Conservation Authorities Act. The Government is moving fast and the changes are far reaching.

3.0 Major Themes

The proposed changes focus on the following major themes:

- building more homes;
- streamlining processes; and
- reducing costs and fees to build houses.

The Government has posted material for comment on the Environment Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry about the proposed legislative and regulatory changes (see Appendix A for list). Planning staff have reviewed and summarized information to assist the County and Member Municipalities in their review of the material (Appendix B) but encourage those interested to review the proposed changes in their entirety.

Key changes are listed below.

3.1 Building More Homes

In an effort to build more homes, the Province has proposed the following changes:

Additional Residential Units (ARUs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• allow landowners to have up to 3 residential units per lot without the need for a zoning by-law amendment in municipally-serviced urban residential areas• would permit 3 units in the main dwelling (including 2 ARUs) or a combination of 2 units in the main dwelling (including 1 ARU) and another ARU in an ancillary building• zoning by-laws cannot set a minimum unit size or require more than one parking space per unit, but other zoning rules would apply
Housing targets to 2031	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• set housing targets to 2031 for 29 “large and fast-growing” municipalities in Southern Ontario (not applicable to Wellington County)
Major transit stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• build more homes near major transit stations (not applicable to Wellington County)
Conservation Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• identification of Conservation Authority lands suitable for housing

3.2 Streamlining

The Provincial Government is looking to streamline a wide range of policies and procedures to reduce the time it takes for new housing to be built.

Public Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove “third party” appeal rights for all planning applications (this would include appeals by the public)• remove the public meeting requirement for draft plan of subdivision approvals
Conservation Authorities (CAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove Conservation Authority appeal rights for planning applications, except where the appeal would relate to natural hazards policies• limit Conservation Authority responsibilities to review and comment on planning applications (either on behalf of a municipality or on their own) to focus on natural hazards and flooding• change the Provincial wetland evaluation system, including shifting responsibility for wetland evaluation to local municipalities• establish one regulation for all 36 CAs in Ontario

New Provincial Planning Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminate duplication between the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and A Place to Grow (Growth Plan), by combining them into one document and providing a more flexible approach to growth management
Planning Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shift planning responsibilities from some upper-tier municipalities to lower-tier municipalities (not applicable to Wellington County)
Site Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> exclude projects with 10 or fewer residential units from site plan control exclude exterior design of buildings from site plan control
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> add more stringent requirements related to municipal heritage registers and timing of designation
Rental Unit Demolition and Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> impose limits and conditions on the powers of a local municipality to prohibit and regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties

3.3 Reducing Costs and Fees

Reductions in costs and fees are mainly focused in the following areas:

Development Charges and Parkland Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> exempt non-profit housing developments, inclusionary zoning residential units (not applicable to Wellington County), and affordable, additional and attainable housing units from development charges and parkland dedication discount development charges for purpose-built rentals remove costs of certain studies from development charges reduce alternative parkland dedication requirements
Conservation Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a temporary freeze on CA fees for development permits and proposals
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review of other fees charged by Provincial ministries, boards, agencies and commissions

3.4 Additional Matters

Beyond the proposed land use planning changes, other key changes include to:

- enable the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to speed up processing of appeals
- provide the OLT with discretionary power to order the unsuccessful party at a hearing to pay the successful party's costs

- provide a potential rent-to-own financing model
- increase penalties under the New Homes Construction Licensing Act of up to \$50,000

4.0 Conclusion

Ontario is in the midst of a housing crisis. While there are no simple solutions to the problem, action is required. Several of the Government’s initiatives support recommendations of the County’s Attainable Housing Strategy such as:

- streamlining the land use planning approval process;
- reducing/exempting certain development charges and parkland dedication requirements;
- introducing an attainable housing category; and
- considering a potential rent-to-own financing model.

While the above proposals will likely increase the supply of housing, more information is needed to better understand how related cost reductions will be passed on to potential home buyers.

The County has previously commented to the Province about duplication between the Provincial Policy Statement and the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area and welcome the creation of one streamlined Provincial Planning document and a simplified process for comprehensive growth reviews. Planning staff do, however, have concerns about how this might impact the municipal comprehensive review (MCR) work completed to date.

We have significant concerns about actions to:

- essentially remove meaningful public participation from the land use planning process;
- reduce the protection of natural heritage features/natural hazards, and the resulting impact on public health, public safety, and climate change objectives;
- reduce the important role of Conservation Authorities in the review of development applications (a loss of technical expertise critical to rural municipalities); and
- eliminate the long-established regional planning framework in the Province.

Staff note that there is a substantial amount of material posted for consultation and little time to respond (most comments are due late November or early December). Unfortunately, this timeframe does not allow for many newly elected Councils (including Wellington County) to meet and discuss their comments. We understand that more information is to follow as Bill 23 also introduces the potential for additional policies and regulations. Therefore, the full impact of the proposed amendments is unknown.

5.0 Next Steps

At the time of writing this report, the Bill has passed second reading and is at the Committee stage in the Legislature. Staff will continue to monitor the proposed legislation as it moves through the legislative process. Staff will engage with AMO and other organizations to provide input and will report at a later date when the legislation comes into effect and/or additional policies and regulations are made available.

Recommendations

That the report “Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022” be received for information.

That this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on behalf of the County of Wellington and circulated to member municipalities for their consideration prior to Environmental and Regulatory Registry Provincial comment deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,



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Manager of Policy Planning



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Senior Policy Planner

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December 6, 2022

The Honourable Karen Vecchio, MP Elgin-Middlesex-London Karen.Vecchio@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Rob Flack, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London rob.flack@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Municipalities of Ontario

RE: Federal Cannabis Act Review

At its regular meeting held on December 1, 2022 the Malahide Township Council passed the following Resolution:

No. 22-278

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT the Township of Malahide correspondence relating to the Federal Cannabis Act Review be circulated.

Carried

As per the above resolution, please find attached a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Respectfully,

Allison Adams,
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk



November 17th, 2022

Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat
(sent via email: legreview-examenleg@hc-sc.gc.ca)
Health Canada
Address locator 03021
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

To whom it may concern:

Re: Federal Cannabis Act Review

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a formal response to the Federal Government's review of the *Cannabis Act*.

At its October 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting, Council for the Township of Malahide directed Township Administration to prepare and forward specific municipal impacts and costs in relation to current cannabis legislation to the federal government's cannabis legislation review process.

The Township of Malahide has incurred significant legal fees, council and staff time, and general community disruption, all pertaining to licenses issued under the federal Medical Cannabis Registration process. Township Council and staff time has cost taxpayers here approximately \$14,000 in the last 18 months alone, with additional incurred costs within the same time period of approximately \$8,000 for outside legal and other consulting advice.

The Township of Malahide is not against or opposed to cannabis, and appreciates the roles that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, the Township believes that there are many improvements that can be made, especially in the areas of inspections, enforcement, and ensuring that operations and licenses issued for same are appropriate and take into consideration and minimize impacts on surrounding land uses.

As it currently stands, municipalities, especially smaller, rural municipalities such as Malahide, have little resources to effectively combat a situation where Health Canada has issued licenses for a scale of growing that would never seem appropriate on a residential property.

With the above concerns, the Township of Malahide fully supports the key messages of The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), which include: local governments,

residents, and communities continue to be concerned about multiple medical cannabis grow authorizations that can sometimes be located in one place; a concern that there is a lack of information on authorized operations in communities; and, local governments should be able to recoup the costs associated with enforcement related to medical cannabis grows, with a portion of any fines and licensing fees collected being transferred to municipalities to cover the local cost of enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Betteridge', written in a cursive style.

Adam Betteridge, M.C.P., R.P.P.
Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Malahide
abetteridge@malahide.ca

cc:

- Township of Malahide Council
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) c/o Craig Reid (creid@amo.on.ca) and Daniela Spagnuolo (dspagnuolo@amo.on.ca)



Michael W. Rencheck
President & Chief Executive Officer

December 5, 2022

Mayor Ian Boddy
City of Owen Sound
clerks@owensound.ca

Dear Mayor Boddy and Council:

On behalf of everyone at Bruce Power, I want to congratulate you on your success in the recent municipal election. You deserve a great deal of respect for your willingness to step forward to serve your community.

Bruce Power owes much of its success to the support of our surrounding communities. Many of our employees have lived in Bruce, Grey and Huron counties for decades, and we are proud to have been an active member of the business community since 2001. Local Indigenous communities, municipal and county governments, and Bruce Power have worked together as partners on programs that benefit the entire region and we look forward to continuing to foster meaningful relationships with community partners.

Collectively, we have an excellent opportunity to expand and grow our position as the Clean Energy Frontier with our region of Ontario fast becoming a hub of nuclear collaboration and innovation, propelled by Bruce Power's Life-Extension Program and Major Component Replacement Projects in Units 3-8, which will extend the operational life of our units through 2064 and allow us to expand our production of medical isotopes used in the treatment of cancer. As we move forward, the tri-county region of Bruce, Grey and Huron has an opportunity to demonstrate continued leadership in the province and across Canada when it comes to clean energy production, medical isotopes and driving economic development.

We're excited about leading the way towards Canada's Net Zero 2050 climate goals – through our site's commitment to attain net zero carbon emissions by 2027 as well as increasing our site output to 7,000+ megawatts by 2030 through innovation and investment in our existing facilities and exploring new opportunities such as carbon offsets, hydrogen studies and next generation nuclear.

We value and appreciate our community's support and have programs in place to help strengthen our communities as a partner. Whether it's through our Sponsorship Program, high school and post-secondary scholarships, Indigenous outreach initiatives, economic development programs,



or our safety and environmental programs, we are dedicated to working to improve the Bruce, Grey and Huron area.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to John Peevers, Director, Community, Media Relations & Economic Development, if you have any questions or would like to discuss how we can work together to achieve our shared goals. He can be reached at john.peevers@brucepower.com or 519-386-3799.

Through all of us working together, we're making the Clean Energy Frontier a great place to live, work and grow while contributing to improved cancer treatments and a low-carbon, clean energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Rencheck".

Mike Rencheck,
President & CEO, Bruce Power



All Ontario Municipalities

December 15, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

On Wednesday December 14th, 2022 Lanark County Council passed the following motion:

MOTION #CC-2022-235

MOVED BY: R. Kidd **SECONDED BY:** B. Dowdall

Be it resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

Be it further resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the rural Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as important to all rural communities; and

Based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Lanark County Council declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.

Further background on the Renfrew Inquest Recommendations can be found at this link: https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CKW-Inquest-Verdict-Recommendations-SIGNED_Redacted.pdf

Thank you,

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Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Scott Reid, MP, John Jordan, MPP, Ministries of the Attorney General, Justice, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women's Issues.



December 15, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of December 12, 2022 the following motion regarding the expansion of Bill 3 described as “An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council” was carried:

RESOLUTION: 22-396

Date: December 12, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Budge

Seconded by: Councillor Donovan

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;





NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. **THAT** these changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Greenstone; and
2. **THAT** if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. **THAT** the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. **THAT** if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Kristina Miousse
Clerk

c.c. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Steve Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister.mah@ontario.ca
MPP Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay-Superior North), lvaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca
MPP Kevin Holland (Thunder Bay – Atikokan), kevin.holland@pc.ola.org
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December 19, 2022

Via email: slord@wawa.cc

Municipality of Wawa
Attn: Maury O'Neill, CAO/Clerk
40 Broadway Ave
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0

Dear: Mayor and Council

RE: Resolution of Support for Municipality of Wawa – re: Resolution regarding Bill 3,
Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, dated September 20, 2022

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised
that the above-noted communication was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council
meeting on December 13, 2022 and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution TC/42/2022

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of
Bays hereby receives and supports the attached resolution from the Municipality
of Wawa – re: Resolution regarding Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act,
dated September 20, 2022.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Wawa,
Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Graydon
Smith, MPP for Simcoe-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
and other Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your
reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require clarification.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Carrie Sykes]

Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

CS/lv
Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Local member of Provincial Parliament
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities
Municipalities in Ontario

Enclosure: Municipality of Wawa Resolution



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Resolution # RC22159	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby pass this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Wawa;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

FURTHER, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin – Kapuskasing, Michael Mantha, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Pat Tait		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Bill Chiasson		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Melanie Pilon		

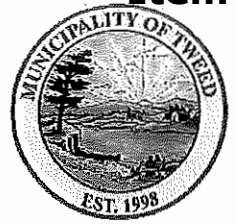
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - PAT TAIT	CLERK - CATHY CYR

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 1743.
Title: Resolution Re: Natural Gas Prices
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Moved by J. Flieler
Seconded by J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS the price of natural gas is critical to the day-to-day cost of living for many residents of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS the price of natural gas plays a large role in establishing a competitive business climate;
AND WHEREAS some residents in Ontario consistently experience higher natural gas bills that are a result of transporting fuel and forecasted pricing models;
AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has the authority to regulate natural gas prices;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Tweed hereby petitions the Ontario Energy Board to regulate natural gas bill costs to levels that are affordable and profitable as in jurisdictions within Ontario that have lower costs;
AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, all Ontario Municipalities (for support), the Ontario Energy Board, Enbridge Gas Inc., and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
AND FURTHER, that all Resolutions of support received by the Municipality of Tweed be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried

Don DeMora
Mayor



Office of the City Clerk

December 15, 2022

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 6, 2022 – New Motion 5 –
Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016**

At the regular meeting on December 6, 2022, Council approved New Motion 5 with respect to request to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. At the same meeting, the following resolution was approved:

Whereas Municipal governments support the Province's implementation of outcomes-based policies to move responsibility for end-of-life management of designated products and packaging to producers who are the most able to affect system change; and

Whereas these policies can improve environmental outcomes, provide new jobs and grow Ontario's economy; and

Whereas outcomes-based policies require clear consequences for non-compliance that can be administered in an effective and efficient manner; and

Whereas Administrative penalties are a cost-effective tool for the regulator to hold polluters accountable, so there is less burden on the courts and taxpayers; and

Whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority does not have Administrative Penalties which is impacting the ability of the regulator to ensure compliance with the regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016; and

Whereas data provided by Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority shows there is a currently a backlog of over 2,000 cases of potential non-compliance and almost 200 known instances of non-compliance; and

Whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority has found battery producers non-compliant for collection accessibility and processing; and

Whereas the largest waste diversion program, the Blue Box, sees the first communities transition in a few months, ensuring the Regulator has appropriate enforcement tools to ensure servicing and outcomes are met is critical for a smooth transition for Ontarians;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston calls on the Provincial government to promptly pass an Administrative Penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Ted Hsu, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and support.

Yours sincerely,



John Bolognone
City Clerk
/nb

C.C. Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
Ted Hsu, MPP for Kingston & the Islands
John Jordan, MPP for Kingston, Frontenac Lanark
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All Ontario Municipalities

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234-2022-6136

December 22, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

Ontario's housing supply crisis is a problem which has been decades in the making. It will take both short-term strategies and long-term commitment from all levels of government, the private sector, and not-for-profits to drive change. Each entity will have to do their part to be part of the solution.

To help support this important priority, I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent legislative and regulatory changes our government has made to help get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years.

Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*

Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, was introduced on March 30, 2022 and received Royal Assent on April 14, 2022.

As part of the government's More Homes for Everyone Plan, Schedule 5 of Bill 109 made changes to the Planning Act. Consequential changes were also made to the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

Most of the Planning Act changes are now in effect except for the zoning and site plan control fee refund provisions, which are due to come into force on January 1, 2023. However, I am committed to bringing forward legislation to delay the effective date of the fee refund changes from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023. These legislative changes would be introduced in the new year.

In the event that any fee refunds become due to applicants before these legislative changes are made, municipalities might consider not issuing refunds in the interim given my express commitment to introduce legislation that, if passed, would retroactively cancel the requirement.

You can find more information about Bill 109 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-5284](#)), and the Ontario Legislative Assembly [website](#).

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster, 2022

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, was introduced on October 25, 2022, and received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022.

To support More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan: 2022–2023, Schedule 9 of Bill 23 made changes to the Planning Act. Schedule 1 of Bill 23 also made similar changes to the City of Toronto Act, 2006 related to site plan provisions. Schedule 3 of Bill 23 made changes to the Development Charges Act.

The planning-related and municipal development-related charges changes came into force on November 28, 2022, except for provisions related to removal of planning responsibilities from certain upper-tier municipalities, certain provisions related to parkland dedication, and exemptions from municipal development-related charges for affordable and attainable housing, which will come into force on a day in the future to be named by proclamation. Provisions related to Conservation Authorities will take effect January 1, 2023.

Bill 23 also made changes to legislation led by other ministries. Please see Appendix A for an overview of the effective dates of the Bill 23 changes by schedule.

You can find more information about Bill 23 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-6163](tel:019-6163)), and the Ontario Legislative Assembly [website](#).

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 and Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, was introduced on August 10, 2022, and received Royal Assent on September 8, 2022. Bill 3 and associated regulations ([O. Reg. 529/22](#) and [O. Reg. 530/22](#)) came into force on November 23, 2022.

Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022, was introduced on November 16, 2022, and received Royal Assent on December 8, 2022. Bill 39, amendments to associated regulations ([O. Reg. 581/22](#) and [O. Reg. 583/22](#)), and additional regulations to prescribe provincial priorities ([O. Reg. 580/22](#) and [O. Reg. 582/22](#)) came into force on December 20, 2022. Additional details can be found in Appendix B and on the Ontario Legislative Assembly's website ([Bill 3](#) and [Bill 39](#)).

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A

Effective Dates for Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Schedule	Effective Date
Schedule 1: City of Toronto Act, 2006	<p>All of the changes in Schedule 1 (City of Toronto Act) came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent.</p> <p>Note: The legislative changes to the City of Toronto Act include amendments that give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing authority to make regulations imposing limits and conditions on how municipalities can regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties of six units or more. No regulations have been made at this time.</p>
Schedule 2: Conservation Authorities Act	<p>Changes in Schedule 2 (Conservation Authorities Act) came into force the day the bill received Royal Assent, except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 1, sections related to streamlining disposition of lands for CAs comes into force which would allow CAs to sell or lease land without Minister’s approval provided they follow rules around public consultation and notifications. • Also on January 1, sections that enable the Minister’s ability to issue direction to freeze fees and ability to scope CA commenting on development applications and land use planning policies through regulation, would come into force but only have effect when the Minister issues direction on fees or if a regulation prescribing Act under which CA commenting roles is restricted is made. • Changes related to CA permitting (including removal of “conservation of land” and “pollution”, adding “unstable soil and bedrock”, regulation making powers to exempt development from a CA permit where it has been authorized under the Planning Act, etc.) take effect on a later date (upon proclamation) once a new regulation under Section 28 of the CA Act is in effect. MNRF continues to consult on that regulation through the Environmental Registry (#019-2927).
Schedule 3: Development Charges Act, 1997	<p>All of the changes in Schedule 3 (Development Charges Act) came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent, with the exception of provisions relating to development charge exemptions for affordable and attainable housing units, which would take effect upon proclamation.</p>
Schedule 4: Municipal Act, 2001	<p>All of the changes in Schedule 4 (Municipal Act) came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent.</p> <p>Note: The legislative changes to the Municipal Act give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing authority to make regulations imposing limits and conditions on how municipalities can regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties of six units or more. No regulations have been made at this time.</p>
Schedule 5: New Home Construction Licensing Act, 2017	<p>Many of the amendments in Schedule 5 (New Home Construction Licensing Act) came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent.</p> <p>The amendments regarding the maximum fine that a court may impose for a subsequent conviction, as well as most of the amendments related</p>

Schedule	Effective Date
<p data-bbox="188 191 407 285">Schedule 6: Ontario Heritage Act</p>	<p data-bbox="469 153 1354 184">to administrative penalties, will come into force on February 1, 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="469 191 1390 285">Most of the amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) made through the bill will be proclaimed into force on January 1, 2023. These include:</p> <ul data-bbox="469 296 1390 1003" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="469 296 1365 390">• The new authorities under Part III.1 of the Act that relate to the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties. <li data-bbox="469 396 1365 625">• Most of the changes to procedures related to municipal registers, including the process and requirements around inclusion of non-designated properties on the municipal registers. However, the requirement for municipalities to make their municipal registers available on a publicly accessible website will not come into force until July 1, 2023 to provide municipalities with time to ensure compliance. <li data-bbox="469 632 1325 726">• Limiting the ability to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate a property subject to a prescribed event to only those properties included on a municipal register. <li data-bbox="469 732 1365 863">• The authority to prescribe criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest for the purposes of including non-designated properties on the municipal register and designating a Heritage Conservation District (HCD). <li data-bbox="469 869 1390 1003">• The authority to set out processes to amend and repeal HCD bylaw in regulation. Note, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism will consult on the development of these processes to be set out in regulation in 2023. <p data-bbox="469 1037 1398 1304">Regulatory amendments to O.Reg. 9/06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest will also come into force on January 1, 2023. These changes establish that non-designated properties included on a register must meet one or more of the criteria outlined in the regulation, and that individual properties and HCDs must meet two or more of the criteria included in the regulation in order to be designated. The regulation also includes transitional provisions to address matters underway at the time of the changes coming into force.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1337 1390 1503">The outstanding amendments to the OHA made through Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019, will also be proclaimed into force on January 1, 2023. The amendments speak specifically to the demolition or removal of an attribute that is not a building or structure within an HCD.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1537 1398 1671">Regulatory amendments to O.Reg. 358/21: General will come into force on January 1, 2023. These amendments include consequential housekeeping amendments and transition provisions related to the above legislative amendments coming into force.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1705 1373 1799">Bill 23 included some minor housekeeping amendments to the OHA that came into force upon Royal Assent. These included repealing the alternative definition of “alter”.</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1808 423 1902">Schedule 7: Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2001</p>	<p data-bbox="469 1808 1357 1871">The changes in Schedule 7 (More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022) will come into force on proclamation.</p>

Schedule	Effective Date
Schedule 8: Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012	The changes in Schedule 8 (Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012) came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent.
Schedule 9: Planning Act	<p>The changes in Schedule 9 (Planning Act) all came into force on the day the bill received Royal Assent, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provisions related to removal of planning responsibilities from certain upper-tier municipalities, which would come into force on a day to be named by proclamation. • provisions related to the exemption of community benefits charge and parkland dedication requirements for affordable and attainable housing units • provisions related encumbered land to be conveyed to municipalities by developers for park or other recreational purposes • provisions related to Conservation Authorities (linked to the changes in Schedule 2) will take effect January 1, 2023
Schedule 10: Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022	<p>Except as otherwise provided, the Act set out in Schedule 10 came into force on the day bill received Royal Assent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections 7 to 10, subsection 11 (5) and section 14 come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor. Once in force, these sections will require a prescribed municipality to develop, construct, and operate the Lake Simcoe phosphorus reduction project and allow the Ontario Clean Water Agency to undertake some or all of that project if ordered to do so by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The project will also be exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act. • Subsection 85 (1) comes into force on the later of the day subsection 44 (1) of this Act comes into force and the day section 2 of Schedule 5 to the Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021 comes into force. Subsection 85 (1) makes consequential changes to the Act arising out of changes to the Expropriations Act in respect of alternative hearings processes. • Subsection 85 (2) comes into force on the later of the day section 61 of this Act comes into force and the day section 42 of Schedule 4 to the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 comes into force. Subsection 85 (2) makes consequential changes to the Act arising out of the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 consistent with other Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks legislation. The change would allow a person undertaking an inspection to obtain the assistance of the local police force rather than the Ontario Provincial Police Force.

Appendix B

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 and Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

As a result of Bills 3 and 39, changes were made to the Municipal Act, 2001, City of Toronto Act, 2006 and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and regulations were established to give the mayors in Toronto and Ottawa strong mayor powers to help advance shared provincial-municipal priorities, including building new homes. These powers include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer,
- Hiring certain municipal department heads, and establish and re-organize departments,
- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees of council, and
- Proposing the municipal budget, subject to council amendments and a head of council veto and council override process.

The mayors of Toronto and Ottawa can also use strong mayor powers related to provincial priorities. These include:

- Vetoing certain by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority,
- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the mayor is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority, and
- Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of council members vote in favour.

The provincial priorities for the purposes of strong mayor powers are prescribed in O. Reg. 580/22 and O. Reg. 582/22 and they are:

1. Building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031.
2. Constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities, and servicing.

From: Thomas Duyck [REDACTED]
Sent: December 24, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Service Owen Sound <serviceowensound@owensound.ca>
Subject: concrete block 'battery' could be an alternative to pumped hydro

The the Owen Sound City Council
Dear people:

You have heard the presentation from the Public Affairs Consultant of CDTC telling you how they would like to build a hydro battery by pumping water up from Georgian Bay and back. It involves digging enormous tunnels under the city of Meaford and pumping water up to an artificial lake at the Army Training Centre. There have been many concerns about this project raised by the citizens of Meaford. Some of these concern the effects on the Bay water ecology, others about the duration of the installation and the noise, others about noise of the operation, ground vibration, possible flooding etc.

Meanwhile, alternatives have been invented elsewhere in the world. A Swiss company named Energy Vault has come up with a system that uses concrete blocks instead of water. No digging of monstrous tunnels, no ground vibration, no flood risks. Taking much less real estate and much less time and cost to build and maintain. This company has several large installations running and has been contracted for many more. While the initial installations have been smaller than what is proposed in Meaford, they are already contracted for installations as large as 440 MWH in Nevada, while a 2 GWH plant is being proposed for Mongolia.

I have found two links on the Internet too look at:

An early article from Australia at:

<https://createdigital.org.au/concrete-block-battery-alternative-pumped-hydro/#:~:text=The%20company%20keeps%20costs%20down%20by,lifting%20process%20smoother%20and%20more%20efficient.&text=The%20company%20keeps%20costs,smoother%20and%20more%20efficient.&text=keeps%20costs%20down%20by,lifting%20process%20smoother%20and>

and also the company website:

<https://www.energyvault.com/>, which has a lot of articles about their installations and contracts.

I am a retired Engineer, without any connection with Energy Vault. My interest lies strictly with trying to avoid tunneling through rocks and under the city of Meaford, while saving money for tax payers.

I hope to get the message through that pumping water is not the only solution to the problem.

Regards,

Thomas Duyck. P.Eng.

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--- Life is Learning from Changes and Challenges

From: liz crocket [REDACTED]
Sent: January 4, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Service Owen Sound <serviceowensound@owensound.ca>
Subject: World Cancer Day Event

January 4, 2022,

Dear City of Owen Sound,

On World Cancer Day, February 4, at 7:00 am, Mike Duhacek, the Canadian Ambassador for Cops for Cancer, and founder of [helpmeburycancer](http://helpmeburycancer.com), has chosen beautiful Kelso Beach Park in Owen Sound, to begin his week-long over 200 K. solo walk, pulling a heavy sled behind him with the letters C.A.N.C.E.R. on it to the Lake Ontario area, to again raise funds and awareness for the Canadian Cancer Society.

As a member of his small family team, we are asking people to find a way to get involved. There are so many ways to help. It can be as simple as bundling up and going out to cheer him on, on Feb. 4th. (People can follow Mike all along his walk to see where he is, as he will be wearing a tracker the whole time.) Simpler still, follow him and like his posts on social media. Post this letter on a bulletin board. Or of course, consider donating on the secure CCS page on his website. It is my hope that Mike will make known the warmth of the people and the beauty of Owen Sound, that it is known for. If people prefer a "team approach" for getting involved, please check Mike's website for more details in his Double Up Event.

Cancer now takes the live of approximately 85,000 people in Canada per year. Mike is determined to "bury" cancer. In 2013, he walked across Ontario from Windsor to Ottawa, ultimately raising \$43,000 for the Cancer Society, and received the Governor General Award, among others, for his effort. Mike's determination was born after losing both of his grandparents to cancer, and watching his mother battle a rare cancer soon after. He recognizes that his story is not unique, and that it is hard to find a family that has not been affected by cancer. He describes himself as an "ordinary Canadian guy" who just wants to do his part.

If you would like more information, please contact me, or reach out to Mike via his website. <http://www.helpmeburycancer.com>

Please welcome Mike to Owen Sound on World Cancer Day, and please find time in your day to go out and cheer him on! A "go-Mike-go" goes a long way, and is so appreciated! (:

Sincere thanks,

Liz Crocket

<http://www.helpmeburycancer.com>



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December 20, 2022

Dear Neighbouring Landowners,

Grey County would like to inform you of a harvest operation which will take place in 2023. The property being logged is Grey County Forest – Derby in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.

During the harvest operation the property will be closed to the public. Signs will be posted and where necessary, barriers will be put in place. Please respect all signage and remain off the property.

At this time, the County does not know the exact dates that the harvest operation will occur within 2023. The nature of harvesting (weather, site conditions, etc.) does not allow a contractor to know when they will commence the harvest until much closer to the start date. As a result, the County often only has a few days notification and cannot notify neighbouring landowners via regular mail. To remedy this, staff have created an email notification list for this forest property. If you wish to be included on this list, please contact forests@grey.ca with your:

- name,
- email address, and
- the name of the forest property

We will send out an email to anyone that has registered with the County for this purpose.

The limit of the forest operations has been marked and all trees that are to be removed will be marked with orange paint at DBH (diameter at breast height) and butt marked. A forest prescription has been prepared and the trees are marked to good forestry according to Grey County's Forest Management Plan. A map has been enclosed on page 3 showing the location of the harvest to occur.

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The County's goal is to actively manage County forests using good forest management techniques while providing multiple recreational opportunities. The County has a Forest Management Plan for all of its properties which outlines the effective management practices within County forest properties. A copy of the County's Forest Management Plan can be found at the below link. Additional information on the County's Forests, including videos outlining the harvests and good forestry practices, can also be found at this link.

<https://grey.ca/forests-trails>

In 2011 Grey County obtained Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification for all of the County's forests as part of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's group certificate. FSC certification ensures that Grey County's forests are being managed using the essential elements or rules of environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management.

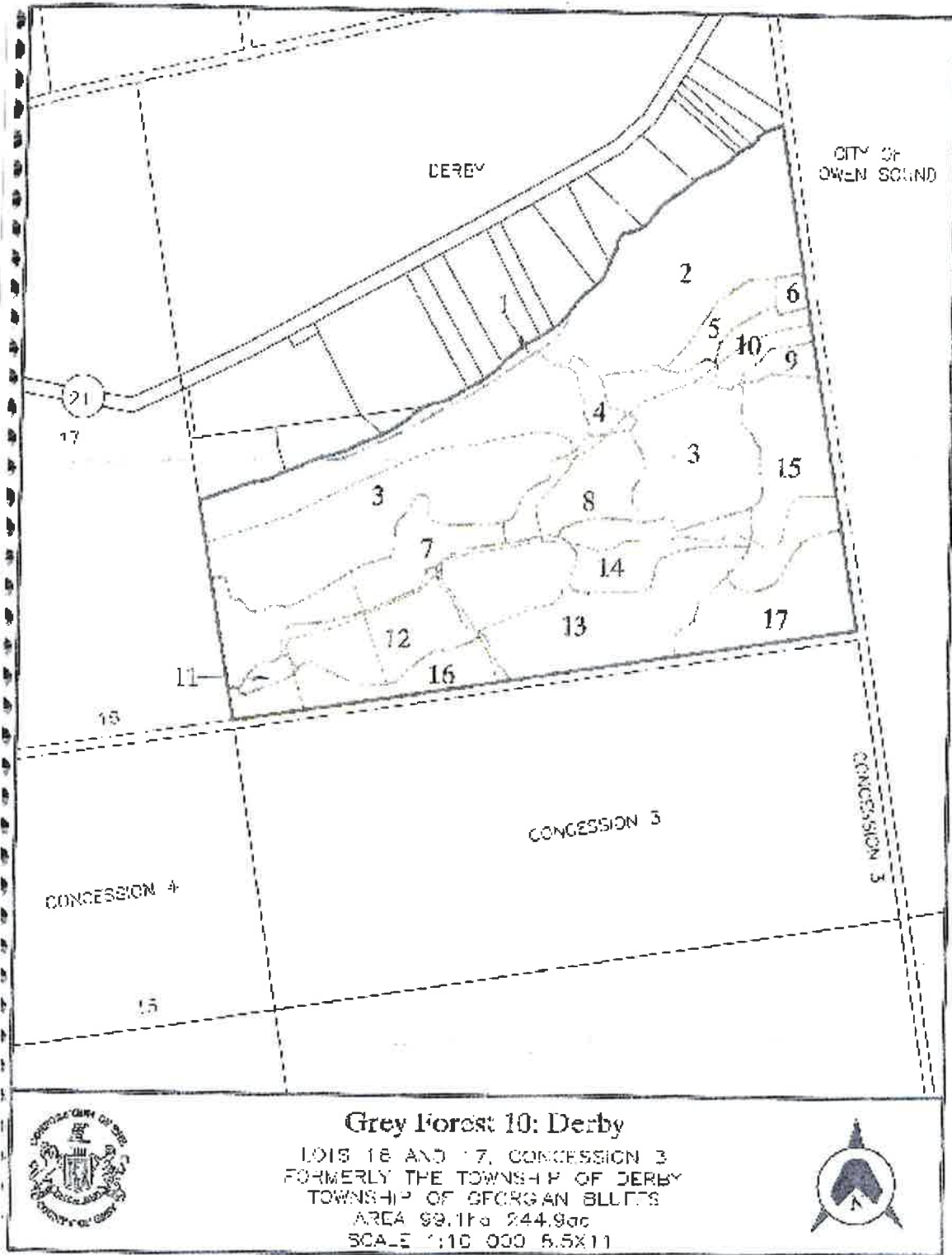
Any questions or concerns regarding this logging operation can be directed to Lee Thurston at 519 376-3076 ext. 237 or via email at l.thurston@greysauble.on.ca

Yours truly,



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Trails and Forestry Coordinator
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www.grey.ca

cc. Clerk, Township of Georgian Bluffs (email only)
Lee Thurston, Forest Manager (email only)



Grey Forest 10: Derby

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