



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
January 30, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Administrative Clerk, City of Kitchener re: Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022.
- 2) Correspondence from the Chief Administrative Officer, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority re: Mr. Elwood Moore.
- 3) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Lanark Highlands re: Violence against women.



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January 20, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special meeting held on December 12, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022:

"WHEREAS the provincial government passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 on November 28, 2022 with regulations and changes to several provincial acts which will have a significant impact on municipalities in the province;

WHEREAS notwithstanding there are parts of Bill 23 that will help build homes faster, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have written to Premier Doug Ford and Minister Steve Clark regarding their concerns with Bill 23, and have presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy;

WHEREAS the OBCM mayors have noted significant concerns relating to the impact on the collection of development charges and parkland levies, that will result in billions of dollars worth of infrastructure deficits that, without offsetting, will severely impact the current tax base as well as impact how municipalities will fund parkland spaces;

WHEREAS the impacts of this revenue shortfall will result in property tax increases and severely impact a municipality's ability to build the infrastructure needed to support the creation of new homes including roads, sewer and water systems, and supports for the delivery of fire and police services, delaying the building of new homes;

WHEREAS municipal audits announced by the province in selected municipalities will show how these reserve funds are allocated by each municipality to pay for the cost of this needed infrastructure, based on legislation from the province that strictly sets out their uses;

WHEREAS all partners in the homebuilding process, including municipalities who have responsibility for permitting, approvals and servicing, and developers who are responsible for getting shovels in the ground, can improve processes geared toward their part of creating a new housing supply;

WHEREAS while the municipal sector can help cut red tape and speed up the municipal approvals process, it is the responsibility of the province to look at delays within their ministries, and the responsibility of developers and home builders to further coordinate the building of homes in a timely manner once development approvals are in place;

WHEREAS the province has not identified accountability measures for all parties involved in creating housing, nor has the province identified annual targets to demonstrate incremental goals to build 1.5 million homes over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM mayors request to the province immediately pause the implementation of changes to the development charges act and parkland fee reductions in Bill 23 until cities have been consulted on finding solutions to the impacts that these changes will have to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province put in place the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table immediately and establish a terms of reference for the implementation table, and that Bill 23 is considered a priority in consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders in the home building industry;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province work with municipalities to re-open the discussion on a new long-term permanent municipal funding strategy to maintain services and fund critical infrastructure projects, and include the federal government to discuss joint solutions such as allocating a portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to cities, allowing municipalities to build the housing that Ontarians need without having the burden fall on the existing property tax base; THAT while this work on an additional long-term municipal funding strategy is underway, municipalities are made whole, dollar-for-dollar, by the province to eliminate the unintended consequences of revenue reductions associated with Bill 23 changes;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to hold all stakeholders (provincial ministries, municipalities, developers, and homebuilders) jointly accountable for their part of the home building process through the upcoming housing unit pledge exercise, due to the province by March 1st;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to urge the province work with each municipality and all other partners in the homebuilding process to identify annual targets, with agreed upon accountability measures and metrics put in place based on each partner's role in the homebuilding process;

THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that City request the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table regularly identify to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing legislative and regulatory amendments to mitigate or eliminate unintended consequences of Bill 23, inclusive of the effects of outside and market forces that may impact the achievement of these targets."

cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
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Yours truly,



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Dear Member Municipalities,

A former board member of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors, who was recognized at Queen's Park in 2000 as the longest standing Conservation Authority board member in Ontario, has passed away.

Elwood Moore was a founding member of the North Grey Region Conservation Authority in 1957. The Sauble Valley Authority was founded a short time later in 1958. In 1985 the two organizations merged to create the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. Mr. Moore was a member for 44 years and has been an honorary Director ever since.

In November 2021, in celebration of his 100th birthday, Mr. Moore was recognized with a new bench and plaque installed at the Arboretum & Administration Centre. GSCA will be planting a tree in his honour at the Pottawatomi Memorial Forest this spring.

The articles below outline some details of Mr. Moore's service to his community over the years:

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/grey-sauble-pays-tribute-to-one-of-its-founders>

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/elwood-moore-remembered-for-humility-and-service-to-owen-sound-area>

<https://www.woodfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Elwood-Moore?obId=27109482#/celebrationWall>

Sincerely,

Tim Lanthier
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Township of Chatsworth, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Municipality of Meaford, City of Owen Sound, Town of South Bruce Peninsula



January 25th, 2023

Minister for Women and Gender Equality
P.O. Box 8097, Station T CSC
Ottawa, ON K1G 3H6

ATTENTION: Honorable Marci Ien

Dear Minister Ien:

RE: Resolution – Violence Against Women

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 10th, 2023:

Moved by Reeve McLaren

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the County of Lanark regarding Violence Against Women;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, local MP's and MPP's, 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.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
Ministry of the Attorney General
Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity



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,

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.