



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 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;

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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
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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
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