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The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of December 18, 2018**  
**Re: Motion (a) Provincial Bill 66**

Please be advised that this matter was heard by Council at its meeting held on December 18, 2018, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt is a paramount concern for our residents; and**

**Whereas the continued legislative protection of our water – groundwater, surface water and waterways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community; and**

**Whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "open-for-business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes; and**

**Whereas an "Open for Business" By-law may be approved without public consultation; and**

**Whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans; and**

**Whereas the Town of Aurora's Official Plan represents not only a significant investment of taxpayer resources but reflects our community's collective vision for current and future planning; and**

**Whereas our Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected; and**

**Whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an “open for business” planning by-law; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes to the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speak to the creation of the open-for- business planning by-law; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, MPP Michael Parsa, MPP (Deputy Premier) Christine Elliott, 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; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That notwithstanding the future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Aurora will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning by-laws.**

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

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Copy: Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora  
Michael Parsa, MPP, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill  
All MPPs in Province of Ontario  
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