



Council Resolution
January 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding

RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0021

WHEREAS the Provincial Government introduced Bill 66 entitled “Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act” on the final day of sitting in the 2018 Ontario Legislature, December 6th, 2018 and;

WHEREAS significant concerns have been communicated regarding schedule 10, among other schedules contained therein by residents, community leaders, legal and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), EcoJustice, Environmental Defence Canada, Ontario Nature, South Lake Simcoe Naturalists, The Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, The David Suzuki Foundation, AWARE-Simcoe, Lake Simcoe Watch and the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protection, undermine democratic processes and potentially endanger public health and;

WHEREAS provisions of Bill 66 allow for an “Open for Business” bylaw, which may be approved without any public consultation of the citizens of the Town of Georgina and;

WHEREAS provisions of Bill 66 allow an “Open for Business Bylaw” which would permit major development in the Town of Georgina which most notably would no longer have to have any legislative regard for certain sections of:

- *The Planning Act*
- *The Provincial Policy Statement*
- *The Clean Water Act*
- *The Great Lakes Protection Act*
- *The Greenbelt Act*
- *The Lake Simcoe Protection Act*
- *The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and;*

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina remains committed to source water protection, *The Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, the integrity of the Greenbelt and it understands the benefits for protecting these features in support of our local economy and quality of life, and

WHEREAS notwithstanding the potential future adoption of Bill 66, that the Town of Georgina will continue to remain committed to making sound decision regarding resource and environmental preservation that remain consistent with the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Provincial Policy Statement and other legislative tools which provide for good planning, while balancing the need for economic development and providing environmental and public health protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina strongly recommends that schedule 10 of Bill 66 be immediately abandoned or withdrawn by the Ontario Government and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Town of Georgina declares that notwithstanding the potential future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Georgina's Council will not exercise the powers granted to it in schedule 10 or any successor schedules or sections to pass an "open for business planning bylaw" without a minimum of two (02) public meetings which shall be advertised twenty (20) days in advance in the Georgina Advocate or its successor, and also shall be advertised in any other local media resource that is widely available to the public in the Town of Georgina, by way of bylaw and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to draft such a bylaw for Council's consideration should Bill 66 be given royal assent and be given force and effect and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina requests the Province of Ontario to release draft criteria and draft regulations, and to provide a commenting period in advance of consideration by the legislature, and;

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, Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, MPP and Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), all MPP's in the Province of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration.

A recorded vote was requested; the Deputy Clerk recorded the vote as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mayor Quirk	X	
Councillor Waddington		X
Councillor Neeson	X	
Councillor Sebo	X	
Councillor Harding	X	
Regional Councillor Grossi		X
Councillor Fellini	X	

Yea – 5 Nay - 2

Carried.