



# GEORGINA

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November 24, 2022

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MAYOR

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

**Re: Corporation of the Town of Georgina Response – Proposed Bill 23, the More Homes Faster Act, 2022**

On November 22, 2022, Georgina Council held a Special Council meeting to consider Bill 23 and related legislation under the Province of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and passed Resolution No. C-2022-0354, a copy of which is attached hereto.

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Georgina I want to firstly express that we understand and appreciate the severity of the housing crisis and the desire to take bold steps to create more housing that is affordable and attainable for all Ontarians. In this regard, we commend the Province for the comprehensive review and assessment undertaken by the York Region Wastewater Advisory Panel leading to Schedule 10 to Bill 23 *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution project. Council views this as a strong and positive commitment to ensuring the health and viability of Lake Simcoe and its watershed, while at the same time advancing much needed housing within our neighboring municipalities in northern York Region.

However, Council at the same time is very concerned about many aspects of Bill 23, and particularly the potentially significant financial impact to local municipalities in terms of lost development charge revenue and parkland which is vital to support new growth. Clearly, growth will not be paying for growth, and it is unacceptable that our existing residents would have to pay more taxes to make up for this lost revenue. As a result, I respectfully submit that the ability



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of local and regional municipalities to provide the critical infrastructure and services required for new housing construction in a timely manner will be severely compromised, and thus meeting the housing targets will not be possible.

Council is also very concerned that proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and related legislation removes conservations authorities from an active role in supporting efforts to sustain the health of watersheds and in the case of Lake Simcoe, is counterproductive to efforts in the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution Project with a servicing solution directed to the York Durham Sewage System.

In closing, Council 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. This will ensure that the proposed changes do not result in unintended consequences that will slow down the delivery of housing, but instead will be effective in giving municipalities the decision making authority, tools and financial resources needed to deliver new housing as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Margaret Quirk,  
Mayor, Town of Georgina

Attachments - November 22, 2022- Town of Georgina Council Resolution  
- Region of York Report

cc.

MPP's – York Region Municipalities  
Interim Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario  
Interim Leader, Liberal Party of Ontario  
Leader, Green Party of Ontario  
Clerk, All Ontario Municipalities  
Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs  
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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### Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

Please be advised that the Town of Georgina Council, at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, considered proposed Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and subsequent to discussion, the following motion was passed:

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Councillor Genge  
RESOLUTION NO. C-2022-0354

WHEREAS on November 10, 2022, York Region Council adopted a resolution as follows:

"York Region requests the Province of Ontario to halt Bill 23 and begin consultation with the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team to ensure municipalities can work in partnership with the Province of Ontario over the next few months to address the housing affordability concerns in our communities.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to appoint key stakeholders, such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team.

The Regional Clerk circulate this report, including new Attachment 5, presented as Item G.1.1 on the revised agenda, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local municipalities, AMO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and local MPPs."

AND WHEREAS Schedule 10 to Bill 23 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 proposes to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) project;

AND WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports the halting of the Upper York Sewage Solutions project and the redirection of related drainage Area flows to the York Durham Sewage System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports the November 10, 2022 resolution of York Region Council concerning Bill 23, with the exception that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports Schedule 10 to Bill 23 Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022 which proposes to expedite the expansion and extension of the York Durham Sewage System effectively replacing the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) project;

AND FURTHER THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina support the resolution of the Board of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated November 18, 2022 directing Staff to provide a submission to Environmental Registry of Ontario No. 019-6141 based on comments within Staff Report No. 40-22-BOD regarding Provincial Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and that Staff be directed to submit a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting that the Conservation Authorities Working Group be re-engaged;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina opposes the proposed removal or re-designation of approximately 7,400 acres of protected lands from the Provincial Greenbelt Area and/or the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for residential development as set out in ERO posting number 019-6217 and ERO posting number 019-6218;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina opposes the conversion of Conservation Authority lands, for housing purposes in the absence of a fuller understanding of the criteria that will be used to conduct the assessment and a Municipal Comprehensive Review that demonstrates the need for the conversion to meet population targets;

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, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe, York Region MPP's, York Region municipalities, Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP's, 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, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.