

13. Scheduled Business

13.3 Memorandum from Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, dated November 21, 2022, regarding York Region Council Decision, Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act 2022*

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

WHEREAS on October 25, 2022, the Government of the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act 2022*;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Act is to establish significant changes to the development approval process with the goal of facilitating the construction of 1.5 million new homes Province wide by 2031;

WHEREAS Bill 23 is the third in a series of steps recently initiated by the Government of Ontario to make changes to the Planning Act and other legislation intended to streamline the development approval process and increase the supply of homes;

WHEREAS Bill 23 passed second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy on October 31, 2022 with a deadline for comments on November 24, 2022;

WHEREAS Bill 23 amends a number of statutes including the *Planning Act*, the *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, the *Development Charges Act*, the *Municipal Act*, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and the *Heritage Act*;

WHEREAS Bill 23, if passed, would significantly impact on the growth pays for growth model and limit Richmond Hill's financial ability to provide infrastructure support to future developments without additional sources of funding;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council endorses the decision of the York Regional Council dated November 10, 2022, in its entirety, to request the Province of Ontario to halt consideration of Bill 23 to enable opportunity for greater consultation with all stakeholders;

AND, a copy of this Council-approved resolution be sent forthwith to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Leader of the Opposition; the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party; all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Clerk of the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary