May 28, 2019

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queen’s Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable Sir,

RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING
RESOLUTION: BILL 108 AND SPECIFIC LOCAL PLANNING APPEAL TRIBUNAL (LPAT)

At its meeting of May 27, 2019, Council of the Township of King received and unanimously supported a Resolution brought forward at the Council meeting with respect to the Province of Ontario’s Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and its proposed amendments to a variety of Acts.

Council of the Township of King formally requests that your Honourable Sir and Members of Cabinet consider our request within the following Resolution:

RE: Bill 108 and Specific Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Changes

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board and replaced it with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal received unanimous – all party support; and

WHEREAS all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS on August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into “...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government.”; and
WHEREAS this Memorandum of Understanding is “enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act”, and recognizes that as “…public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses…the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and

WHEREAS by signing this agreement, the Province made “…a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and


NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:

1. The Township of King oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

2. The Township of King call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

3. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and local MPPs; and

4. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and York Region municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk

c.c. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
     Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
     Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
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Kim Kitteringham, Clerk, City of Markham
Stephen Naylor, Director of Planning and Development, King