



May 30, 2019

Kate Manson-Smith

Assistant Deputy Minister
Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 13th Flr,
777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

RE: [CITY OF MARKHAM COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BILL 108, MORE HOMES, MORE CHOICE ACT 2019 \(10.0\)](#)

Dear Ms. Manson-Smith;

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 28, 2019, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution (links to the report and attachments are provided):

1. That the report entitled, “City of Markham Comments on Proposed Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act 2019*” dated May 27, 2019, be received; and,
2. That this report, including the 39 recommendations from the City of Markham on Proposed Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act 2019, as summarized in the [Revised Appendix ‘A’](#) as amended at the May 27, 2019 Development Services Committee meeting, be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to York Region as the City of Markham’s comments on Bill 108; and,
3. That the City of Markham supports the Province of Ontario’s proposed measures to streamline the planning process while retaining appropriate public consultation during the planning process as long as these measures can be reasonably implemented and avoid negative impacts such as potential delays; and,
4. That, in the event that the Province proceeds with the community benefits charge as proposed, the cap on the community benefits charge should be set to include the full recovery for soft infrastructure costs and parkland dedication as now collected under the current statutes, and that the cap be tied to land values only for the parkland dedication and current section 37 portions of the community benefits charge. To ensure that growth pays for growth, a municipality should be allowed to levy both the community benefits charge and receive parkland in a development; and,

5. That the City of Markham does not support any proposed legislative changes that would in effect reduce a municipality's ability to collect funds to ensure that growth pays for growth; and,
6. That the City of Markham supports the Province of Ontario's proposed changes to increase resourcing for the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but does not support the re-introduction of "de novo" hearings as part of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal process; and,
7. That the City of Markham supports the Province of Ontario's efforts to clarify the role and accountability of Conservation Authorities and urges the Province to support the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and municipalities with enhanced natural heritage protection and watershed planning tools to fill the potential gap in natural resource, climate change and watershed planning services resulting from the proposed modified mandate of the TRCA; and further,
8. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution

If you have any questions, please contact John Yeh at 905-477-7000 ext. 7922.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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cc: Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, York Region