
Corporate Services

January 17, 2019

Via Email

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Dear Sir/Madam:

At the Town of Orangeville Council Meeting on January 14, 2019 Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt is a paramount concern for our residents;

And whereas the continued legislative protection of our water – groundwater, surface water and waterways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community;

And whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "open-for business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes;

And whereas an "Open for Business" by-law may be approved without public consultation;

And whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans;

And whereas the Town of Orangeville's Official Plan represents not only a significant investment of taxpayer resources but reflects our community's collective vision for current and future planning;

And whereas our Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected;

And whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;

Now therefore be it hereby resolved:

1. That Orangeville Town Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an "open for business" planning by-law.
2. That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes to the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speak to the creation of the open-for-business planning by-law.
3. That notwithstanding the future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Orangeville will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning by-laws.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Dufferin-Caledon and Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party.
5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours truly,



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