May 28, 2019

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

SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford;

Re: Resolution regarding Bill 108

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, May 27, 2019, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-0102

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and replaced it with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) 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 to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow;

AND WHEREAS on August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, which recognizes that “Public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses…” and that “The Municipal Act, 2001 provides that the Province of Ontario endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”;

AND WHEREAS the MOU sets out that “Ontario is committed to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Halton Hills oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning;

AND FURTHER THAT The Town of Halton Hills 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 FURTHER THAT 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 Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2019-0102.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Jones, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2601 ext. 2331 or suzannej@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,

Renee Brown
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c. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
   The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
   The Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
   The Honourable John Fraser, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
   The Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party
   All MPP’s in the Province of Ontario
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