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The Honourable Chris Ballard
Newmarket/Aurora Member of Provincial Parliament

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL

RE: Bill 73: Proposed *Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015*

Dear MPP Chris Ballard,

Further to the comments submitted by Aurora's Planning and Development Services department to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Bill 73, the proposed *Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015*, we, the undersigned members of Aurora Town Council are writing to express support for the provisions in Bill 73 that would give municipal councils more power and responsibility in planning decisions, and request those provisions be enacted as soon as possible.

Attached below for your reference is the approved motion from Aurora Town Council, passed on May 26:


THAT Planning and Development Services be authorized to send comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to their June 3, 2015, deadline; and

THAT, in addition to supporting the staff comments identified in Report No. PL15-042, Council endorses restoring more decision-making authority for municipalities on local planning matters, and limiting the influence of the Ontario Municipal Board, essentially granting municipalities more powers to manage the demands caused by growth and intensification; and


THAT a letter signed by Members of Council be sent to Newmarket-Aurora MPP Chris Ballard and all other Members of Provincial Parliament, and to the leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, and the Ontario New Democratic Party, expressing support for the provisions in Bill 73 that would give municipal councils more power and responsibility in planning decisions, and requesting that those provisions be enacted as soon as possible; and

THAT a copy of the letter also be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Regional Municipality of York, all municipalities within York Region, all municipalities within the Greenbelt (Golden Horseshoe) area, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours sincerely,




Mayor Geoffrey Dawe



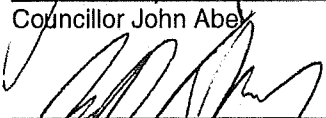
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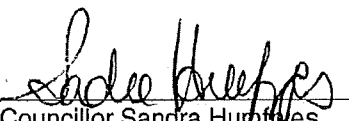
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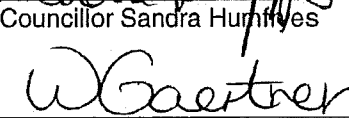
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Cc: All Members of Provincial Parliament
Leaders of the Ontario PC Party, Liberal Party, NDP Party
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