



August 10, 2018

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The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 12, 2018
Re: Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on June 12, 2018, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Oakville has passed a similar resolution; and

Whereas the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

Whereas the Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters of our rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for more than 12 years; and

Whereas a permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities; and

Whereas there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) without weakening the protections provided by the Greenbelt; and

Whereas efforts to open the Greenbelt to create the opportunity for land speculators to build expansive homes, at immense profits, in remote areas; and

Whereas opening the Greenbelt would move the urban boundary thus creating more sprawl and increased traffic; and

Whereas the costs of sprawl result in increased taxes, because 25% of the costs of sprawl are downloaded to existing property tax payers; and

Whereas programs like the proposed inclusionary zoning regulations will assist municipalities in advancing the supply of affordable housing stock without the need to expand the built boundary;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora stands with its municipal neighbours to undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt, of which the Oak Ridges Moraine is a part; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Province be strongly urged to extend Greenbelt protection to include the appropriate white belt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, all Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine), Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, The Regional Municipality of York, and members of Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt, and leaders of the various Ontario political parties.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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