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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Honourable Premier Ford,

Re: Bill 218

At the regular meeting of Council held November 4, 2020, the following resolution was carried:

Council discussed the Ontario Bill 128, Supporting Recovery and Municipal Elections Act 2020. Provincial Bill 218 was recently introduced to the legislature as Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act 2020. As part of this bill, it was proposed to remove the framework for conducting ranked ballot municipal elections for the 2022 election, citing cost as the reason for the change.

This proposed change results in further erosion of local decision-making by repealing the ranked ballot voting system utilized very effectively by London, Ontario in the last municipal election. This is a system that could and perhaps should be adopted by other municipalities around Ontario. It is felt that the system encourages more candidates and improved participation of voters.

Bill 218 also proposed shortening the nomination period of the 2022 municipal election to approximately six weeks.

Resolution #11

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request the Provincial Government of Ontario rescind the proposed changes regarding ranked ballot voting and the nomination period included as part of bill 218.

Further resolved that a letter regarding this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Peel and Steve Clark,

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Letter to be copied to AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Martin

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
Acting CAO/Clerk

C: Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Peel
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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