

Nina Bifolchi, Mayor Town of Wasaga Beach 30 Lewis Street Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 1A1 mayor@wasagabeach.com

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Re: Strong Mayors Building Homes Act** 

Dear Mayor Bifolchi,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding *Strong Mayors*, *Building Homes Act*.

## Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Netty McEwen Seconded by Councillor Tim Wilkins That Council directs staff to send a letter in support of item 'H', Resolution- Town of Wasaga Beach re Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at <a href="mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca">dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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Denny Giles Deputy Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



August 19, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 777 Bay Street 17th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their August 18, 2022 Council meeting adopted the following resolution:

"That Council receive the letter dated August 10, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, for information;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities."

The Town of Wasaga Beach Council does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act as the proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at <a href="mayor@wasagabeach.com">mayor@wasagabeach.com</a> or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Bifolchi Mayor

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August 10, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and a shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Our government also made an election promise to build 1.5 million new homes for the people of Ontario over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that our government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on August 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster.

If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term. Other growing municipalities could follow at a later date.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding these proposed changes, you may submit them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at: StrongMayors@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister