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Michael Ford
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

Dear Mr. Minister

Re: Ontario Heritage Act and Bill 23

On July 16, 2023, attendees at the Ontario Heritage Conference, which included representatives from across the province, voted overwhelmingly in favour of the following resolution:

"Whereas the Listing of properties by a municipal councils in their Registers of Heritage Properties as provided under section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* has no discernable impact on the production of affordable housing in Ontario; and

Whereas the recent amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* limiting Listing of a property by a municipal council to two years with a further prohibition on re-Listing that property for five years, places an unreasonable burden on municipal councils and their municipal heritage committees to deal with the numerous existing listings;

Now therefore be it resolved that the provincial government amend the *Ontario Heritage Act* deleting Section 27 subsections (15), (16) and (17) which deal with limiting of listing a property in a municipal heritage register to two years; and deleting Section 27 subsection (18) of the *Act* which deals with the prohibition on re-Listing a property for five years;

And this resolution be sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism with copies to other political parties in the Ontario legislature and to Ontario municipalities"

Community Heritage Ontario, the association of Ontario municipal heritage committees, respectfully requests that you give consideration to this resolution. Should you feel it necessary, we would be pleased to meet with you and/or your staff to discuss this important matter further.

Respectfully submitted

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