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December 22, 2022

via email

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Re: Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

Further to the meeting on December 20, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following motion:

Motion #516/22

Moved by *Councillor Pinnell Jr.*

Seconded by *Councillor Martin*

That the correspondence from Loyalist Township dated December 13, 2022, re: Repeal Bill 23 be received;

And further that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee supports the resolution from Loyalist Township to request a repeal of Bill 23 until such time as a fulsome consultation can take place with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours truly,

Katy Macpherson
Deputy Clerk

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Via email only

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Repeal Bill 23

Please be advised that Council of Loyalist Township, at its meeting held on Monday, November 28, 2022 passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2022.1.26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Townend and Seconded by Councillor Proderick,

"Whereas Bill 23 proposes to shift the costs of growth onto existing property taxpayers; impacting the municipality's ability to finance planned capital works, particularly those that are growth related.

And whereas the passage of this legislation will undermine council's ability to reduce the already disproportionate burden on our residential tax base.

And whereas the increased cost burden on property taxpayers will be greatly felt in Loyalist, where residential growth is expected to climb at a quickened pace over an extended horizon.

Whereas the passage of this legislation will increase delays in housing construction because of the need for proponents and the municipality to obtain private, external, peer review services. These requirements carry the potential to strain constructive relationships between the municipality and developers, where Loyalist currently enjoys an effective process.



Whereas the passage of this legislation would remove the cost effective, timely, and objective peer review services that a public entity like Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority currently provides; and with whom Loyalist Township enjoys a very productive partnership.

Whereas the passage of this legislation would erode longstanding environmental protections which recognize the mutual interdependence between healthy human communities and local ecologies, watersheds; protections around which there has been venerable political consensus.

And whereas in February 2021 Loyalist Township passed its Climate Action Plan and is committed to implement policies and best practices in environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation.

Whereas Loyalist Township is home to a wealth of historic architecture and is one of Ontario's most historically significant regions. This legislation will make it substantially more difficult to protect and preserve the province's architectural, cultural heritage, notably disadvantaging sites of historical significance to Black, Indigenous, Franco-Ontarian, multicultural, and LGBTQ2SIA+ communities.

Whereas the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government need to work collaboratively and constructively to address the housing crisis with a democratic and evidenced based approach.

And whereas this legislation was tabled during a municipal election, thereby preventing municipal councils from being able to meaningfully consult on such significant changes.

Be it resolved that Loyalist Township Council requests that the Government of the Province of Ontario repeal Bill 23 until such time as a fulsome consultation can take place, in good faith, with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings, Lennox and Addington, the Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party and MPP Guelph, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and MPP Ottawa South, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader Ontario NDP Party and MPP Toronto-Danforth, The County of Lennox and Addington, Township of Stone Mills, Township of Addington Highlands, Town of Greater Napanee, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities".



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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,

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cc. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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