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REGION OF PEEL
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RE: Request to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for Enhanced Enforcement Tools regarding Land Use Planning for Lands that fall within the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 19, 2022, Council adopted a motion requesting that the province consult with municipalities that fall within the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act on providing effective enforcement tools to deal with illegal land uses, including consideration to enable municipalities to regulate land uses in the Development Control Area through municipal Zoning By-laws in concert with the NEC Development Permit approval process.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has jurisdiction over land use planning matters, development criteria and permitted uses within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area;

Whereas the NEC is a statutory body of the provincial government and is mandated to develop, interpret and apply NEP policies that maintain and enhance the vitality of the Escarpment's unique environmental and landscape features and protect public safety;

Whereas the NEC along with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) have a shared responsibility in ensuring development activities within the NEP Area comply with the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA), Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) and associated regulations;

Whereas a significant portion of Caledon lies within the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Area and has experienced a growing number of compliance and enforcement concerns including illegal development and land use issues;

Whereas the illegal uses on these properties have significant impact on the environmental and landscape features along with causing significant disruption to neighbouring properties;

Whereas the NEC has limited staff responsible for enforcement over a growing population and area;

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Whereas the Town receives many concerns from residents but cannot respond or investigate such matters nor undertake any enforcement actions within the NEP Area;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor send a letter to the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) requesting that the province consult with municipalities that fall within the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act on more effective enforcement tools to deal with illegal land uses, including consideration to enable municipalities to regulate land uses in the Development Control Area through municipal Zoning By-laws in concert with the NEC Development Permit approval process; and

That a copy of the letter and resolution be provided to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin Caledon and Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Region of Peel and all other municipalities that fall within the NEPDA.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mayor Allan Thompson

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