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Mayor

November 25, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Steve Clark
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Clark,

Re: Corporation of the Town of Caledon Position – Proposed *Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act*

The Town of Caledon Council held an emergency meeting of Council on November 25, 2022 to consider Bill 23 and unanimously passed the resolution noted below.

Town of Caledon staff gave a presentation which outlined the significant, and I’m sure unintended, implications and impacts of Bill 23 to the Caledon community. It’s important to note that our position aligns with the GTHA Small Urban Municipalities and other Ontario Municipalities in the Province.

We are asking that you, as Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, defer the passing of Bill 23 and engage and consult with your local municipal partners to amend this legislation, so that it both addresses the housing crisis and considers the current and future needs of our communities.

Whereas Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, proposes changes that will severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, and a municipality's ability to provide future services, amenities, and infrastructure, and negatively impact residential tax rates; significantly restrict how municipalities manage growth through implementation of the official plan and the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities will no longer be able to review and comment on development applications and supporting environmental studies on behalf of a municipality;

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Whereas Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements that are required to fund infrastructure and create complete communities;

Whereas Bill 23 will remove aspects of Site Plan Control and would also remove the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design;

Whereas Bill 23 proposes sweeping changes to planning in Ontario and significantly impacts the Town of Caledon's ability to grow, provide services, and create safe and healthy communities;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Caledon requests the Province of Ontario to halt Bill 23 and begin fulsome consultation, including the removal or re-designation of protected lands from the Provincial Greenbelt Area and/or the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan for residential development, with all municipalities, Chiefs of Ontario, Conservation Authorities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, Region of Peel MPP's, Region of Peel municipalities, the Honourable Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition and interim leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Small Urban GTHA Mayors.

Premier Ford, Minister Clark, on behalf of the Caledon community, I ask that you consider our concerns and request on this important matter, I look forward to a response to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Groves". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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