

Memorandum

To: Mayor Steele and Members of Council
From: Councillor Desmarais
Date: March 8, 2022
Re: Motion to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Successive provincial governments of all political stripes have failed to have due regard for municipal authority in local land use planning decisions. As a result, rather than approving much needed housing units, municipalities instead have spent decades mired in the red tape of costly, time consuming appeals hearings spending millions of taxpayer dollars defending Council decisions to uphold provincially approved Official Plans.

We are witnessing a crisis in attainable housing; a crisis fueled in part by a land use planning appeals process that supplants the rights of local municipalities to uphold their own provincially approved Official Plans with the power of an unelected, unaccountable third party – the OLT – to determine “good planning outcomes” for our communities.

If municipalities had the authority to enforce their provincially approved Official Plans, then many more units of housing could be built in our municipalities without any further delay.

To address the very real need for a diversity of attainable housing in communities across our province, we need to eliminate one of the key barriers to its realization – the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The attached Motion requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT and recognize the authority of municipal councils in local land use planning decisions.

I am requesting that the following motion be approved:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Port Colborne Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Port Colborne Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Port Colborne; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the City of Port Colborne requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Thank you for your consideration,

Councillor Desmarais
Ward 2



Office of the City Clerk

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City of Thorold

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February 17, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on February 15, 2022, Thorold City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

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Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with

municipal and provincially approved official plans or consistent with provincial plans and policy;
and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are similarly only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the Province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Council Of The City Of Thorold requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;
and

2. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Katie Viccica
Legislative Assistant

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leader of the Opposition
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
MPPs in the Province of Ontario
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario
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CLERKS DEPARTMENT

March 1, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Sent via email: doug.fordco@p.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

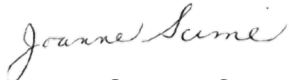
Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

This is to confirm that at the Feb 28, 2022 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

That, the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advise the Regional That, the resolution adopted by the Town of Halton Hills Council at their meeting of February 7, 2022, regarding the request for the Government of Ontario to Dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal; be received and supported.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party
All Ontario MPPs
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario
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February 22, 2022

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 22, 2022

Re: Item 10.1 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

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Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

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Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

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Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town of Aurora Council requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael de Rond', written in a cursive style.

Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/is

Copy: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party
Steven Del Luca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (Ontario's Big City Mayors)
Small Urban GTHA Mayors
Regional Chairs of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

February 9, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 7, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2022-0020

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0020.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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- cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.: 2022-0020

Title: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Date: February 7, 2022

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 15.2

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.



Mayor Rick Bonnette



February 18, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal, Town of Gravenhurst

Dear Premier Ford

At the Town of Gravenhurst Council meeting of Tuesday February 15, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community";

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet certain environmental standards which are voided by the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the District of Muskoka, as delegated from the Province, in accordance with the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to adopt Official Plan amendments or approve Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;



AND WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Gravenhurst;

AND WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in conformity with municipal Official Plans and consistent with Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Councils are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province or their designate in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

AND WHEREAS the existence of the OLT acts as a barrier that restricts municipalities from protecting the environment from development that is uncharacteristic of its community;



NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Gravenhurst requests the Government of Ontario dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing, and restricting a municipality's ability to enforce self-determined environmentally-friendly development policies in Ontario;
2. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and,
3. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.
4. A suitable alternative appeal process be investigated by the Province utilizing an elected board of appeal

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kayla Thibeault".

Kayla Thibeault
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
Town of Gravenhurst
KT/ds

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition horwatha-qp@ndp.on.ca

Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party Mschreiner@ola.org

Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca

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Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org (Sent via email)

February 25, 2022

Re: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Please be advised that on February 23rd 2022 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion supporting the Town of Halton Hills regarding Dissolving the Ontario Land Tribunal (correspondence attached).

Motion 18

Moved by Netty McEwen

Seconded by Gary Atkinson

That Council support correspondence item 'N' from the Town of Halton Hills regarding Dissolving the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition horwatha-gp@ndp.on.ca

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February 9, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

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Resolution No. 2022-0020

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CARRIED

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If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.



Mayor Rick Bonnette



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February 14, 2022

via email premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A7

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised, at their regular meeting on the evening of February 7, 2022, the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge passed the following motion:

"Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community"; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge's Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge's Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Township of Front of Yonge; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** That the Township of Front of Yonge requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried- Roger Haley, Mayor”

Sincerely,



 Jennifer Ault
Clerk

cc via email:

- Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing - steve.clark@pc.ola.org
- Honourable Andrea Horwath, Opposition Leader – ahorwath-gp@ndp.on.ca
- Honourable Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party – info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca
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- All Ontario MPPs
- Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario
- Small Urban GTHA Mayors of Ontario
- Regional Chairs of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca
- All Ontario municipalities



February 28, 2022

The Honorable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: DISSOLVE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT) (13.2)

Dear Premier:

This will confirm that at its February 23, 2022 meeting, Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and,

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community”; and,

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and,

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and,

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Markham Official Plan; and,

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Markham Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the City of Markham; and,

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and,

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and,

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and,

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of all housing and commercial properties.

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Markham requests the Government of Ontario to instruct the OLT to immediately cease accepting new cases and then dissolve the OLT once its current caseload has been addressed, thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of housing in Ontario; and,
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and,
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario
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February 15, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on February 7, 2022, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community"; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes

that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia's Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the City of Sarnia; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The City of Sarnia requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of

Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amy Burkhart'.

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leader of the Opposition
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
MPPs in the Province of Ontario
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From: Switzer, Barbara <Barbara.Switzer@york.ca> **On Behalf Of** Regional Clerk
Sent: March 2, 2022 3:29 PM
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Town of Aurora Resolution - Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

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On February 24, 2022 Regional Council received the communication from the Town of Aurora dated February 22, 2022 and supported the motion, *amended as follows*:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions - save planning decisions - made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that *the Government of Ontario be requested to immediately engage municipalities to determine an alternative land use planning appeals process in order to dissolve the OLT and eliminate one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services

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