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The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Ontario Building Code to Provide Municipalities with Greater Flexibility

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 27, 2022 passed the following resolution:

That: Council requests the Province of Ontario to amend the Ontario Building Code to provide municipalities with greater flexibility in controlling orderly and timely construction of new and renovated buildings of all types.

Recent incidents regarding construction pursuant to the issuance of building permits have arisen that have caused disruption in neighbourhoods due to prolonged periods of varying levels of activity or no activity. Inconvenience to residents as a result of construction of new or renovated buildings is to be expected. However, construction that takes years to complete is not acceptable.

The resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Fort Erie seeks amendment to the legislation to:

- 1) Require builders to make continuous meaningful progress on any construction for which a building permit is required, including renovation of an existing building;
- 2) Permit revocation of the building permit if specified phases of construction (framing, enclosure, exterior finish, etc) are not completed within defined time frames from issuance of the building permit without a legitimate reason for the delay;

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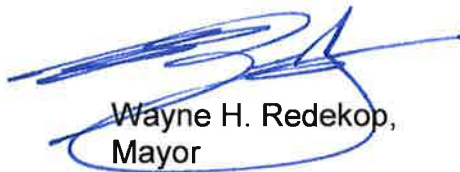
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- 3) Limit the validity of a building permit for residential purposes to 2 years for single family dwellings and buildings with fewer than 4 units.

The vast majority of builders and contractors are responsible and diligent. However, the very few who drag out construction projects create unnecessary consternation in communities already experiencing significant development. Any measures that assist municipalities to better manage construction is welcome.

By copy of this letter, we are providing a copy to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support. Thank you for taking time to review this important correspondence that will benefit all municipalities.

Yours very truly,



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