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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.2 – Mayor Mrakas – Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

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

Whereas Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, omnibus legislation that received first reading in the provincial legislature on October 25, 2022, proposes changes to nine Acts. Many of these proposed changes are significant and will restrict how municipalities manage growth through implementation of the official plan and the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services; and

Whereas the effect of Bill 23 is that the Conservation Authority will no longer be able to review and comment on development applications and supporting environmental studies on behalf of a municipality; and

Whereas Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements; and

Whereas Bill 23 will remove all aspects of Site Plan Control of some residential development proposals up to 10 units. Changes would also remove the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, which in its current state 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; and**

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, local Members of Parliament Tony Van Bynen for Newmarket—Aurora and Leah Taylor Roy for Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. 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,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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