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August 8, 2023

RE: 9.4.5 County of Wellington Planning Report - Comments on the Government's Proposal to Grow the Greenbelt

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2021-090:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.34 listed for JULY 12, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from Municipality of Shuniah regarding Bill 3 - Special Powers and Duties of Heads of Council; and

That Council direct staff to support and circulate in accordance with the resolution.

Therefore, the Township of Puslinch, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:



1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively impact the Municipality of Puslinch;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

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All Ontario Municipalities



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 232-23

Date: Jun 20, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing to expand the list of municipalities where the Head of Council has strong mayor powers and duties;

THEREFORE, this Municipality of Shuniah, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."



**Carried**



**Defeated**



**Amended**



**Deferred**