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Moved by Councillor Ashley
Seconded by Councillor Frost

RE: Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 108, The More Homes, More Choice Act, which amends 13 different Acts with the stated objective of stimulating the supply of housing in the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Schedule 9 of the proposed legislation would amend the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, reverting many of the practices and procedures of the tribunal to those of the former Ontario Municipal Board, thereby allowing an un-elected, unaccountable body to make important planning decision for our community;

AND WHEREAS, Schedule 12 of the proposed legislation would make multiple amendments to the Planning Act and, specifically, would reduce the timelines for making decision related to official plans, zoning by-laws and plans of subdivision, further impeding a municipalities ability to make important planning decision at the local level and reducing appeals to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal;

AND WHEREAS, Schedule 5 of the proposed legislation would amend the Endangered Species Act, thereby establishing a Species at Risk Conservation Fund, enabling a charge in lieu of meeting requirements to adequately protect species at risk and their habitat;

AND WHEREAS the government of Ontario has not adequately consulted with the municipalities with respect to this proposed legislation, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago opposes Schedules 9, 12, and 5 of the proposed legislation highlighted above, as they will have a negative impact on our community and therefore call for their removal from the Bill;

AND NOW THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago request the Government of Ontario to halt the legislation and properly engage and consult with Municipalities before further considering the proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.