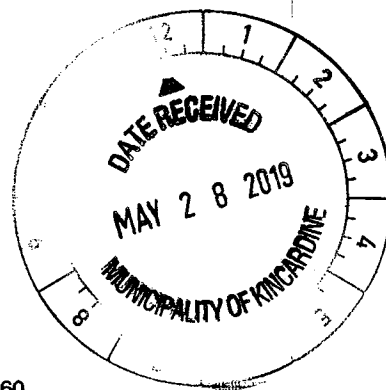




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May 23, 2019

Mayor Anne Eadie
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Dear Mayor Eadie,

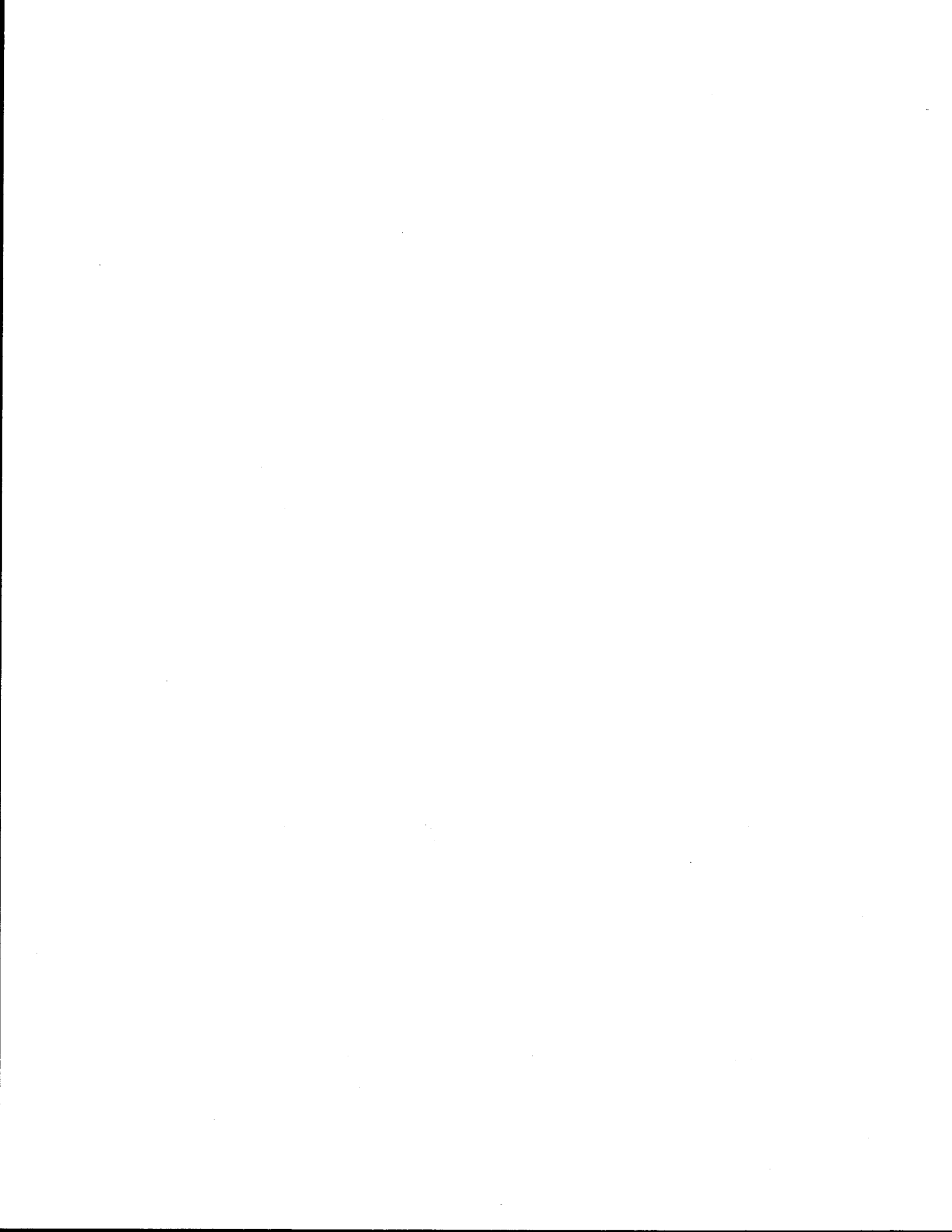
Re: proposed bill 108

The Ontario government has proposed radical changes to the Ontario Municipal Board (LPAT) and a great number of laws under the guise of making housing easier to build and less expensive. My friends in local government tell me this will greatly reduce municipal autonomy and control over necessary development charges. It will also make it much easier to destroy those environmental features that make smaller communities so attractive to visitors.

I attach my letter to Steve Clark, MPP, our Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs expressing my concerns. I hope you will review the impact of this legislation on your community.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Barnett





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Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Mr. Clark,

Re: Bill 108

I am concerned that the proposed legislation will be a gift for developers and a disaster for municipalities.

I have practiced as an architect in Ontario for 40 years and know from experience what developers, municipalities and neighbours face in the course of development approvals and financing and at the OMB. Development changes neighbourhoods, creates costs for people and leads to heavier use of parks, hospitals, schools and roads, and sometimes the loss of rare species and habitats. Bill 108 must provide a way to balance the interests of municipalities, developers and neighbours so they can work more effectively together.

Bill 108 will impair the capacity of municipalities to plan for their futures, to choose the sorts of development they prefer, and cause municipalities to use each step of the development process to bargain with developers. This will make homes, malls, factories, parks, new hospitals, streets, more costly and scarcer. Municipalities will bargain to impose service charges in lieu of those you are trying to eliminate and require 'voluntary' land donation for parks, schools, hospitals, roads to replace those the Bill removes.

In trying to simplify development approvals, I believe you are inadvertently introducing a hidden set of processes that cannot work well because they will not be subject to public scrutiny.

This will lead to higher costs, more questionable development, and loss of public services and natural habitat.

I believe the new bill restricts the ability of municipalities to capture the true costs of development when they approve a development. Such costs, traditionally recaptured through development charges, have always included services like sewers and roads, social services and parks. This appears to be severely limited under the proposed legislation.

I am concerned the proposed legislation will open up more of our "green" lands to development. Not only will the municipalities be hit with huge costs for roads and sewers, but transit, policing and emergency services costs will increase to cover sprawling development.

I hope your staff have let you know about Ontario's report that undeveloped areas bring \$85 BILLION worth of services to southern Ontario annually. That's almost as much as the regular Ontario budget for "free" services we would continue to receive if the land is NOT developed. Such services include:

- Improved air quality
- Climate regulation (stored carbon and annual carbon uptake)
- Flood control
- Water filtration
- Erosion control and sediment retention
- Soil formation
- Nutrient cycling
- Waste treatment
- Pollination
- Natural regeneration
- Biological control
- Habitat/refugia
- Recreation and aesthetics (tourism)
- Cultural and spiritual

I have just read the media release on the loss of biodiversity worldwide from the United Nations, a consensus of thousands of scientists in hundreds of countries, including Canada. Your proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act, contained in Bill 108 make the situation far worse in Ontario. These species contribute materially to Ontario's economy and well-being. I hope you will not succumb to the "pay to slay" preference of developers but rather respect the research and consensus of

thousands of scientists, supported by millions of voters, that these species are important.

In short, I hope you will consider a full review of Bill 108 and it's impact on all aspects of life in Ontario. I hope you will reconsider the huge costs coming to Ontario municipalities and the negative impact this bill will have on Ontario's natural environment, our citizens, our tourism, and those species like Butternut, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark which are most at risk from creeping development.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Barnett

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