



Community Services

Legislative Services

May 30, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON L7A 1A7

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward - Urging the Province to Pause Proposed New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 29, 2023 received and supported correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated May 10, 2023 requesting the Province to pause proposed changes to the new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) – Sections 2.6 and 4.3.

Attached please find a copy of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward's correspondence dated May 10, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

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Attach

cc: The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Minister.omafr@ontario.ca
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca
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May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: May 9, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

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BY COUNCIL

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO