



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford

Re: Township of Norwich Council Resolution of Tuesday May 14, 2019  
Response to Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act

At their meeting held Tuesday May 14, 2019, the Council of the Township of Norwich passed the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support; and

WHEREAS All parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS On August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into “...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government.”; and

WHEREAS This MOU is “enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act”. And recognizes that as “...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and

WHEREAS By signing this agreement, the Province made “...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001,

Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Township of Norwich oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

Be it further resolved that the Township of Norwich call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 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

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

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.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Kimberley Armstrong  
Deputy Clerk

cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier  
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party  
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
All MPP's in the Province of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities