



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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Friday, May 9, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

Re: Town of Goderich Opposition to Amendments to O. Reg. 530 22 to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the April 28, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS on April 9, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced the expansion of Strong Mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities, including the Town of Goderich, as a Strong Mayor community granting enhanced powers to the Mayor, effective May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the 169 municipalities affected by the April 9 Strong Mayor powers letter supplied insufficient time for any meaningful feedback and coordinated response on O.Reg. 530/22 from Councils given the six (6) business day turnaround deadline for comments of April 16 - procedural notice provisions to call a special Council meeting and short notice scheduling conflicts of Council members;

AND WHEREAS the Strong Mayors powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, reduced accountability, alters the balance of governance at the municipal level by ultimately undermining the role of Council and decision-making by weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule, diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers would have the effect of fundamentally altering the historic model of local governance, which has existed for almost two centuries;

AND WHEREAS the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities, and downloading its responsibilities to the same;

AND WHEREAS municipal elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concerns regarding the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes if Mayors are granted the ability to by-pass Council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayors framework;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across the province of Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of a Strong Mayor system, and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Goderich formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor powers, in order to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

AND THAT the Council of the Town of Goderich request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Goderich from the list of municipalities designated under Strong Mayors legislation;

AND THAT the Town of Goderich encourages advocacy for democratic principles and for municipal governance systems that prioritize collaboration, inclusivity, and democratic engagement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) for their awareness and support.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce,  
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Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO),  
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Friday, May 9, 2025

RE: Notice of Motion – Town of Goderich Rejection of President Trump’s Rhetoric Regarding the Annexation of Canada and Trade Tariffs

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To Whom It May Concern;

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 17, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie  
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS President Trump's rhetoric about the annexation of Canada is both offensive and unacceptable, undermining Canada's sovereignty and the respectful relationship between our two nations;

WHEREAS the Government of the United States, under President Trump, intends to impose unjustified trade tariffs on Canada that will cause harm to both nations' economies, local businesses, and workers;

WHEREAS the above noted actions contradict the principles of diplomatic dialogue and fair trade that Canada has long championed in our international relations;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich has a responsibility to defend the values of peace, cooperation, and mutual respect, and safeguard the interests of our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich condemns divisive and harmful rhetoric regarding the potential annexation of Canada, and categorically rejects trade tariffs imposed by President Trump;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich send the attached letter to American municipal and business leaders that the town has had longstanding friendly relationships with expressing our concerns and

advocating for the return of a constructive and positive relationship between our countries:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich encourages other Ontario municipalities to adopt similar resolutions, advocate to their municipal and business partners in the United States and join us in a collective voice to preserve the dignity and sovereignty of our nation.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Friday, May 9, 2025

We are writing today to advise of the Town of Goderich's deep concern regarding recent rhetoric from the American federal government including threats to annex Canada, and American tariffs on Canadian goods. As a community that values the long-standing cooperation between our nations, we appeal to you as leaders in your community to advocate for the end of such damaging rhetoric and policies.

Canada is a proud nation with our own democratic system, values, and identity. As Canadians, we hold a deep commitment to our sovereignty and independence, and we are overwhelmingly opposed to President Trump's annexation rhetoric. American threats to annex Canada disregard the liberty, democracy, and self-determination that both of our nations hold in high esteem. They undermine the peace and respect that have long defined the relationship between our two countries, they are an affront to Canadian values and destabilize our cooperative future.

American tariffs on Canadian goods present significant economic problems for both our countries. Canada is the United States' largest trading partner with over \$700 billion in goods and services exchanged annually (*Government of Canada, 2024*). American and Canadian businesses rely on our integrated supply chains to thrive. Tariffs will disrupt this flow of goods, raise prices for consumers, and hurt local businesses on both sides of the border. In fact, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has estimated that American tariffs on Canadian goods could result in up to \$40 billion in losses for American businesses and consumers (*U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2023*).

Like many other municipalities in Canada, the Town of Goderich shares strong ties with the United States through trade, tourism, and business. These connections have fostered economic development, supported jobs, and created a robust relationship that benefits communities on both sides of the border. We ask that you, as local leaders, urge your federal government to end the rhetoric of annexation and any other threats or economic actions that disrupt our strong, peaceful, and mutually beneficial relationship. The economic and social consequences of continued tensions are felt in all communities that depend on cross-border trade, tourism, and cooperation.

We urge you to advocate for policies that foster collaboration and mutual respect. As community leaders, we have a unique role to play in building bridges between our nations. We are at our best when we work together, and it is crucial that we continue to nurture the strong, cooperative relationship we have built to foster peace and prosperity between our countries.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Bazinet".

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

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May 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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**RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Quinte West**

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 7, 2025 Council supported the following resolution:

THAT Council receive item 12.8 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter Re: Strong Mayor Powers as information;

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation on May 1, 2025, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets, planning and operational decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminish the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

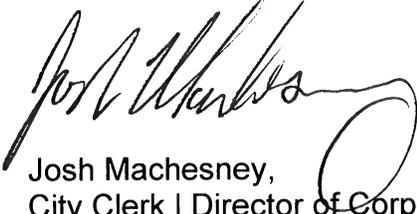
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Quinte West;

1. Does not support the proposed strong mayor powers as currently outlined;
2. Supports specific powers to mayors as it pertains to identifiable decisions regarding housing, development, infrastructure and transit to provide tools that reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure developments;
3. Strongly suggests that free reign of decision-making regarding hiring, firing, committees and so forth be removed from the proposed authority;
4. Strongly suggests that members of current Council were duly elected officials by citizens with the awareness of one vote per council member and majority votes are the democratic process;
5. Requests that the Provincial Strong Mayor Powers proposed to take effect on May 1, 2025, be deferred to allow for greater clarity and that the Province seek collaborative input from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
6. Directs staff to forward this resolution immediately to Premier Ford, Minister Flack, Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario Municipalities.

We hope that you give consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,  
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)  
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May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

“Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

Cont'd...

Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities.”

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent



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May 13, 2025

RE: Support Resolution No. 2025-120 regarding Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 16, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-120:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for APRIL 16, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township supports the Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to Nazi Symbols of Hate and directs staff to send a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, B'nai Brith Canada

Sent Via Email



March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani  
 Minister of Justice  
 House of Commons  
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00**

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**The Regional  
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**Alexander Harras  
 M.P.A.  
 Director of  
 Legislative Services  
 & Regional Clerk**

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

  
Alexander Harras, M.P.A.  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
AH/xf

c: B’nai Brith Canada  
All Canadian Municipalities



## Resolution

**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2025

**Resolution No.** 2025-092

**Moved:** Mayor Post

**Seconded:** Councillor Macintosh

### **Rescinding Strong Mayor Powers**

Whereas the Province of Ontario initially introduced Strong Mayor Powers in 2022 with the stated intent of expediting housing development across municipalities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario arbitrarily expanded the Strong Mayor Powers legislation to include an additional 169 municipalities in April 2025; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario have demonstrated a commitment to addressing the housing crisis through local planning approvals and community-led solutions; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers fundamentally alter local democratic governance by concentrating decision-making authority in a single individual, thereby weakening the role of elected Councils and disrupting the principles of collaboration and shared leadership; and

Whereas these powers can create uncertainty within municipal organizations, impact staff morale, and risk eroding the trust that underpins effective municipal governance; and

Whereas there are currently no provincial checks and balances or independent oversight mechanisms in place to ensure Strong Mayor Powers are being used appropriately and as intended, and the legislation itself has been described by some as “open to interpretation,” creating a fundamental flaw in the responsible application of these potentially dangerous powers; and

Whereas the primary barriers to housing construction are not rooted in municipal decision-making processes, but in broader market conditions, infrastructure constraints, and the lack of effective provincial and federal policy supports to stimulate affordable and attainable housing development;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Orangeville formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety; and

That should the legislation not be repealed, that the Province immediately remove the Town of Orangeville from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada for their information, support and consideration.

**Result:** Carried Unanimously



## Resolution

**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2025

**Resolution No.** 2025-093

**Moved:** Councillor Prendergast

**Seconded:** Councillor Andrews

### **Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5**

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
  - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
  - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

**Result:** Carried Unanimously

**From:** [Sawden, Vanessa](#)  
**To:** [Sawden, Vanessa](#)  
**Cc:** [Costa, Nelson](#)  
**Subject:** York Region's Automated Speed Enforcement Campaign  
**Date:** May 13, 2025 2:33:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Automated Speed Enforcement, Digital Advertisement.gif](#)

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Hello,

This email provides an update on the [Automated Speed Enforcement \(ASE\) Program](#). This year, York Region will be installing 20 new ASE cameras in fixed locations across all nine local cities and towns, with three mobile cameras continuing to rotate every three months in select community safety zones.

Throughout May and June, York Region will be educating the public about the program through digital advertisements, social media and signage on Regional roads. Promotion of the program will continue in September to support back-to-school safety messaging and will continue until the end of the year.

Residents and motorists can pay penalties, find out more information on camera locations and the ASE program by visiting [york.ca/TrafficCameraEnforcement](http://york.ca/TrafficCameraEnforcement)

If you have any questions about this program, please contact:

- Nelson Costa, Manager, Traffic Safety and Signal Operations, at 905-955-1470 or [nelson.costa@york.ca](mailto:nelson.costa@york.ca)

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at [transportation@york.ca](mailto:transportation@york.ca)

Please communicate this information with your colleagues as appropriate.

Thank you,

Vanessa

*Our working hours may be different. Please don't feel obliged to respond outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.*

**Vanessa Sawden (she/her)** | Communications and Engagement Associate  
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**From:** Jennifer E. Willoughby <jwilloughby@shelburne.ca>

**Sent:** May 14, 2025 8:48 AM

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**Cc:** policy@amo.on.ca; resolutions@fcm.ca; Alice Byl <abyl@shelburne.ca>; romachair@roma.on.ca

**Subject:** Town of Shelburne - Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Seconded By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Whereas the Province announced expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, which includes the Town of Shelburne to take effect May 1st 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of Strong Mayor Powers is to accelerate the delivery of key provincial priorities, building 1.5 million new homes by December 31, 2031, constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities and servicing and reduce red tape; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has identified that no research exists to support the impact of housing development within municipalities having been granted the strong mayor's power; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers blurs the political-administrative authority between the roles of Head of Council and Chief Administration Officer; and

Whereas the Strong Mayor Powers is an erosion to the democratic process historical to the very fabric of Canadian municipal governance;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Shelburne hereby respectively rejects the Strong Mayor Powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offers as an option and the ability for a municipality to opt out of the legislation; and

That a copy this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO, and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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**Sent:** May 14, 2025 9:50 AM

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**Subject:** Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining

environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council  
Special Meeting of Council

**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**Time:** 4:28 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Bordignon

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains boasts a robust agricultural sector and a thriving agritourism industry, with numerous local cideries contributing significantly to the local economy, employment, and tourism;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's craft cider industry is experiencing substantial growth, with over 60 craft cideries across the province, many of which are situated in rural communities and utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and are 100% made in Ontario, thereby supporting local agriculture and local economies;

AND WHEREAS under the current provincial tax structure, cider is officially classified and taxed at the same rate as imported wine which results in higher markups and taxes compared to craft beer, despite cider's comparable production processes and market positioning;

AND WHEREAS this tax disparity places Ontario's craft cider producers at a competitive disadvantage compared to craft brewers, despite the fact that Ontario cider utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and is 100% made in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Craft Cider Association (OCCA) has been actively advocating for a tax structure that levels the playing field between craft cider and craft beer, recognizing the potential for job creation, economic growth, and the promotion of local agriculture;

AND WHEREAS the Town acknowledges and appreciates the Province's investment in marketing and promotional support for the craft cider industry, but maintains that long-term sustainability and competitiveness for Ontario cider producers requires an adjustment to the underlying tax framework;

AND WHEREAS this motion is meant to support, not oppose, initiatives for fair taxation of the Ontario Craft Cider industry the Province of Ontario may be considering.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains:

1. Supports the efforts of the Ontario Craft Cider Association in advocating for a fair and equitable tax structure for Ontario-made craft cider.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to review and amend the current tax regulations to align the tax rate of craft cider with that of craft beer, thereby fostering a more balanced and supportive environment for local cider producers.
3. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's recent investment in marketing initiatives for the cider sector, while calling for complementary reform of the tax and markup structure that continues to disadvantage cider producers relative to other craft alcohol categories;

4. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers and MPP Nina Tangri and the County of Grey requesting their consideration and support.
5. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, encourages other municipalities with vested interests in agriculture and agri-tourism to adopt similar resolutions, amplifying the collective voice advocating for the prosperity of Ontario's craft cider industry.

**YES: 5**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 5**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor McKinlay



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March 20, 2025

Sent Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

**Re: Additional Residential Units in the Oak Ridges Moraine**

I am writing to advise that at the Regular Council Meeting held on March 12, 2025, Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio adopted a resolution regarding Additional Residential Units in the Oak Ridges Moraine

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio received a letter from the Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra, on November 28, 2024, stating the intent of the province to ensure that municipalities allow for up to 3 Units per lot as of right (without the need to apply for a rezoning), resulting in 2 Additional Residential Units (ARU) per lot in serviced Settlement Areas of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Federal government has initiated the Canada Secondary Suite Loan Program to provide residents the opportunity to avail of incentives and loans up to \$80,000 at low interest rates to ensure that Canada can build a supply of homes to make housing affordable for every generation;

AND WHEREAS residents in all parts of the Township are able to avail of these incentives to build ARU's except those living within the boundaries of the Oak Ridges Moraine;

AND WHEREAS residents in Ward 1 and 2, who live within the Oak Ridges Moraine, are unable to take advantage of the Federal and Provincial incentives to build even a single ARU within their lots, either a basement suite or an ancillary garden suite on their properties due to the current prohibition within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act;

AND WHEREAS allowing for multi-family residential units with ARU's in the Oak Ridges Moraine would permit for older residents to stay in their own homes for longer and further allow for younger people and families to live in their own units with their own independence to allow them to save money to one day afford their own home;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province be requested to review the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan to permit ARU's generally within the Oak Ridges Moraine;



AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, all MPP's within the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself by email at [redit@adjtos.ca](mailto:redit@adjtos.ca) or phone at 705-434-5055 ext. 263.

Sincerely,



Robin Reid  
Clerk

Cc: Honorable Premier Doug Ford  
Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
Terry Dowdall, MP, Simcoe-Grey  
Todd McCarthy, MPP, Durham Region  
Rob Cerjanec, MPP, Ajax  
Laurie, Scott, MPP, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Jennifer K. French, MPP, Oshawa  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering —Uxbridge  
Hardeep Singh Grewal, MPP, Brampton East  
Hon. Graham McGregor, MPP, Brampton North  
Amarjot Sandhu, MPP, Brampton West  
Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP, Brampton South  
Charmaine A. Williams, MPP, Brampton Centre  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin—Caledon  
Deepak Anand, MPP, Mississauga-Malton  
Rudy, Cuzzetto, MPP, Mississauga —Lakeshore  
Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, MPP, Mississauga Centre  
Kaleed Rasheed, MPP, Mississauga East—Cooksville  
Sheref, Sabawy, MPP, Mississauga—Erin Mills  
Nina, Tangri, MPP, Mississauga —Streetsville  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York —Simcoe  
Dawn Gallangher Murphy, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora  
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP, Aurora —Oak Ridges —Richmond Hill  
Stephen Lecce, MPP, King—Vaughan  
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, MPP Vaughan-Woodbridge  
Billy Pang, MPP, Markham —Unionville



Daisy Wai, MPP, Richmond Hill  
 Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP, Haldimand —Norfolk  
 Hon. Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie —Innisfil  
 Hon. Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie —Springwater-Oro-Medonte  
 Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North  
 Patrice Barnes, MPP, Ajax  
 Lorne, Coe, MPP, Whitby  
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
 All municipalities within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan:  
 Town of Ajax  
 Township of Brock  
 Municipality of Clarington  
 City of Oshawa  
 City of Pickering  
 Township of Scugog  
 Township of Uxbridge  
 Town of Whitby  
 City of Brampton  
 Town of Caledon  
 City of Mississauga  
 Town of Aurora  
 The Town of East Gwillimbury  
 Town of Georgina  
 Township of King  
 City of Markham  
 Town of Newmarket  
 City of Richmond Hill  
 City of Vaughan  
 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
 Township of Essa  
 Town of Innisfil  
 Town of New Tecumseth  
 Township of Oro-Medonte  
 Township of Ramara  
 Township of Severn  
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May 15, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Delivered Electronically to: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Delivered Electronically to: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025 approved a resolution on the Strong Mayor Powers, which stated:

### **Resolution Number 25-95**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario announced an expansion of strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities that took effect May 1, 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa was included in the additional 169 municipalities that gained such powers;

**AND WHEREAS** these powers allow mayors to unilaterally override council decisions, appoint senior municipal staff, and set budgets without majority council approval, undermining the principles of democratic governance;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal governance functions best through a collaborative decision-making process where elected councils, representing the collective voice of their communities, work alongside experienced municipal staff and the proposed powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability and the potential for the abuse of power;

**AND WHEREAS** there is no evidence to suggest that strong mayor powers have increased housing starts, contrary to the provincial government's stated justification for their implementation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has raised concerns that strong mayor powers blur the lines

between political leadership and administration expertise, threatening the neutrality of municipal public service;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Mattawa has a long history of collaborative, transparent and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debated and shared decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the strong mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or appeal.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa opposes the expansion of strong mayor powers and formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Mattawa from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers under the designated legislation.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Council for the Town of Mattawa are formally requesting that the Strong Mayor Powers be removed from our municipality that was granted through the designated legislation.

Sincerely,



Amy Leclerc  
Municipal Clerk  
Revenue Services Clerk

c.c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

## Council Meeting

**Motion #** 05/14/2025 - 14  
**Title:** Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**Moved by:** Jennifer Prenger  
**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Ontario government has fast-tracked Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5), such that it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior on May 6, 2025, after being first read on April 17, 2025, and

Whereas the written submission deadline for participation on Bill 5 is May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (EDT), and

Whereas Bill 5 would enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025; amend/repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and replace it by enacting the Species Conservation Act, 2025; and amend various Acts including the Ontario Heritage Act, the Mining Act, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act, 1998 and to revoke various regulations in relation to development and procurement, and

Whereas Bill 5 will allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to create zones anywhere in Ontario where municipal and provincial laws will not apply, and where projects or proponents can be exempted from requirements under provisions of an Act or of a regulation, including environmental and heritage laws, and

Whereas the provisions of Bill 5 as written include anti-democratic principles and risks undermining civil liberties, Indigenous rights, the environment and local government oversight, and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine hereby opposes Bill 5; and  
 That Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights; and

That Council encourage the province to prioritize democratic principles and governance systems that support responsible development, environmental preservation, and acknowledge our responsibility to future generations; and

That Council formally request that the Ontario government reject Bill 5; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, ; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Lisa Thompson; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Standing Committee on the Interior.

**Carried.**

Jennifer Lawrie

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Clerk

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Main Legislative  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

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At its regular meeting held on May 20, 2025, the Council of the Township of Assignack passed the following resolution expressing support of the numerous municipalities that are in opposition of the strong mayor powers:

**#098-05-2025            J Hooper - D Elliott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Assignack does not support the Strong Mayor Powers and correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

Trusting Council's support in joining the numerous Ontario municipalities on opposing the issue will urge a return to local democratic governance.

Sincerely,



Stasia Carr, Clerk  
Township of Assignack



May 23, 2025

Sent to: [dmorrison@chats.on.ca](mailto:dmorrison@chats.on.ca)

Dear Darlene Morrison:

**RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – June 1 – 30, 2025 – Seniors Month**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize June 1 – 30, 2025 as Seniors Month

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag from June 6 – 13, 2025.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



**Emily Thomas-Hopkins**  
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May 23, 2025

Sent to: [dmorrison@chats.on.ca](mailto:dmorrison@chats.on.ca)

Dear Darlene Morrison:

**RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – Seniors Month – June 1 - 30, 2025**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation and flag raising request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim June 1 - 30, 2025 as Seniors Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag from June 6 – 13, 2025 to recognize Seniors Month. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on June 4, 2025, ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "ETH" followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator