



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act

Date: January 23, 2023

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No.

WHEREAS Bill 23, the Build More Homes Faster Act was introduced on October 25th, the day after Municipal elections in Ontario at a time when councils were in a transition period and unable to respond to the legislation prior to passage of the legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) was not given an opportunity to present its concerns with Bill 23 to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy further eroding the municipal/provincial relationships;

AND WHEREAS the loss of revenue to the Town of Halton Hills as a result of Bill 23 is estimated at \$58 -\$87 million over 10 year which, without provincial compensation, will severely impact the provision of municipal services including transportation, parks and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of the Regional role in approval of official plans creates uncertainty around the planning for regional services to support the growth aspirations of the local municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the role of Conservation Authorities has been limited to natural hazards only, thereby precluding a broader role in providing expert advice and services to municipalities on natural heritage matters as part of the planning process;

AND WHEREAS AMO's evaluation concluded that there is no confidence that the measures in Bill 23 will do anything to improve the affordability of housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills urges the Provincial Government to pause and reconsider Bill 23 to ensure that;

- Meaningful consultations with AMO, the Federal Government, First Nations, and other stakeholders are undertaken using a collaborative approach to address the affordability of housing crisis
- Conservation Authorities have the tools and authority to work with municipalities to mitigate risks to the environment, human health and natural heritage systems, including the continued protection of flood plains and wetlands as applied through integrated watershed management;
- Coordination for the delivery of regional hard services that is timely, efficient, affordable and equitable to support local municipal development priorities and complete communities;
- Reinstatement of the most recent parkland dedication levies so that municipal park systems can grow as the community develops ensuring there is sufficient access to parks and greenspace for new residents;
- Municipalities are made whole, dollar-for-dollar, by the province to eliminate the consequences of revenue reductions to municipalities and eliminate any need to pass additional costs on to property taxpayers or reduce services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Ted Arnott MPP, and AMO.

(Appendix A – Town of Halton Hills Report No. PD-2022-0050)
(Appendix B – List of references)

Mayor Ann Lawlor