



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: **Motion Opposing Bill 5 – Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025**

Date: June 16, 2025

Moved by: **Councillor J. Fogal**

Seconded by: **Councillor C. Garneau**

Item No.

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025, proposes the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) that would grant the provincial government the authority to exempt designated projects and proponents from compliance with existing provincial and municipal laws, including environmental regulations and local by-laws;

AND WHEREAS such provisions could undermine municipal autonomy, environmental protections, and community engagement in local development decisions

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 repeals Ontario's Endangered Species Act 2007, marking the end of meaningful protections for endangered, threatened and special concern species in Ontario.

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills is situated in Treaty 19 territory, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, who hold treaty responsibility for this land, have publicly expressed deep concern that Bill 5 infringes on environmental protections and treaty rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Halton Hills Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to amend Bill 5 to address concerns regarding the potential

erosion of municipal authority and environmental safeguards.

2. The Council urges the Government of Ontario to amend Bill 5 to ensure that any development within SEZs adheres to existing provincial and municipal by-laws and includes comprehensive, meaningful consultation with affected communities and stakeholders.
3. In recognition of our obligations under Treaty 19, the Council further recommends that the Province affirm its commitment to uphold treaty responsibilities and meaningful collaboration with First Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, in any provincial development initiatives.
4. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Mayor Ann Lawlor