

Council Resolution

Moved By Ostrander

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Seconded By Logel

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Whereas Northumberland County supports action to increase the supply of housing for Ontarians and specifically to address the affordable housing crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas The Government of Ontario introduced Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* on October 25, 2022 and the Bill received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, providing insufficient time for newly elected municipal councils to provide fulsome feedback; and

Whereas Municipalities across the province have identified significant financial, environmental, public consultation, and heritage impacts related to the measures identified in Bill 23; and

Whereas The proposed change to subsection 2(4) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* to remove "Housing Services" from the list of services that can be funded through development charges would result in the immediate removal of the housing services portion of the Northumberland County Development Charge and result in an estimated funding gap of approximately \$17 million over the next 7 years for financing an estimated 250 new affordable units; and

Whereas At current building levels, an estimated 27% increase to the County portion of property taxes would be required to maintain planned investments and services, with additional tax implications anticipated for local lower-tier municipalities;

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland calls upon the Government of Ontario to pause implementation of Bill 23, and engage in meaningful engagement with municipalities and other key stakeholders to address identified concerns in order to achieve the shared goal of increasing housing supply and improving affordability and sustainability; and

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Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), The Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), The Honourable Michael Parsa, (Associate Minister of Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That County Council direct staff to provide information on the County website regarding the estimated impacts of Bill 23 on the County levy."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried Wanda Piccini
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature