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Sent via email

RE: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on December 12, 2022, Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas the Government of Ontario recently passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 without providing meaningful or adequate opportunity for municipalities to provide input on ways to increase the supply of housing and to improve housing affordability in Ontario while ensuring the financial capacity of municipalities to support growth and protection of the environment; and,

Whereas Bill 23 will have significant negative impact on heritage housing, green standards, environmental protection of wetlands, conservation, social housing and other significant areas of concern; and,

Whereas a preliminary analysis of Bill 23 by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) indicates the transfer of up to \$1 billion a year in costs from private sector developers to property taxpayers without any likelihood of improved housing affordability while also undermining environmental protection; and,

Whereas the Town of Newmarket has been specifically identified as a growth area, with a target to introduce 12,000 new homes by 2031, despite a lack of sewage capacity until the southern solution as mandated by the province is completed; and,

Whereas municipal estimates vary between a property tax impact of Bill 23 between five and 15 per cent; and,

Whereas a growing number of municipalities have joined in expressing their concern with the negative impacts of Bill 23;



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Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Town of Newmarket formally express its opposition to Bill 23 in its current form and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and MPP Newmarket-Aurora Dawn Gallagher-Murphy; and,
2. That the Town of Newmarket formally submits its inability to meet the stated target of 12,000 new homes by 2031; and,
3. That a copy of this resolution also be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

Kiran Saini
Deputy Clerk

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