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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - 236 - 23

Date: July 10, 2023

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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Barr	Y	N
Cameron	Y	N
Gural	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Maitland	Y	N

Moved by: Barr

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Seconded by: Barr

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Notice of Motion: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory, and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and render aspects of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminate some local planning autonomy, and directly interfere with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, use and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has played a crucial role in providing planning input and reviewing services to assist our municipality and has provided its own comments outlining its concerns and recommendations;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford urges the province to:

- Pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- Reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each one has unique landscapes, housing needs and visions for local planning matters
- Follow the recommendations provided by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor