

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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TO OUR FILE NO. _____

May 29, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held April 28, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR182/2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through O. Reg. 530/22 under the *Municipal Act*, 2001, designated the City of Windsor as a “Strong Mayor” community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective July 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS several members of Windsor City Council, as well as municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal; and therefore,

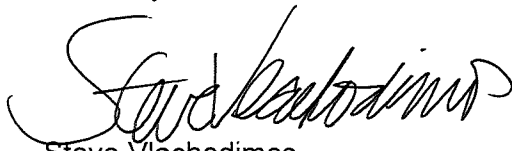
BE IT RESOLVED that Windsor City Council **FORMALLY REQUEST** that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately **REMOVE** the City of Windsor from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution **BE SENT** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Steve Vlachodimos
City Clerk/Licence Commissioner
SV/wf

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West
Mr. Anthony Leardi, Member of Provincial Parliament, Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities