

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.1.

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Title: Notice of Motion - Opposition of "15-Minute City" Concept

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Moved By: Chris Peabody

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

Whereas the “15-Minute City” urban planning concept promotes the idea that residents should be able to access most daily necessities such as work, groceries, education, healthcare, and recreation within a 15-minute walk or bike ride from their homes;

And Whereas this concept has raised widespread concerns across rural and small-town communities about potential restrictions on personal freedoms, individual mobility, property rights, and access to services beyond one’s immediate neighbourhood;

And Whereas the implementation of such a concept may inadvertently lead to policies that promote high-density urbanization, centralized planning, and limitations on vehicle use—measures that are not suitable for rural and small-town settings;

And Whereas the residents of Brockton value the rural way of life, including open space, lower population densities, agricultural livelihoods, access to nature, freedom of movement, and the use of personal vehicles for work, shopping, and recreation;

And Whereas the “15-Minute City” model does not reflect the geographic realities, transportation needs, or lifestyle preferences of rural and agricultural communities like ours;

And Whereas local decision-making and autonomy in land use planning must be respected to ensure that development policies reflect the unique needs and values of rural municipalities;

And Whereas Bruce County is a proudly rural region, with a strong agricultural heritage, a diverse landscape of small towns and villages, and a longstanding commitment to balanced, community-driven planning that reflects the realities of rural living;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton formally opposes the adoption or implementation of the “15-Minute City” concept in any local, regional, or provincial planning policy affecting this municipality;

And That this Council affirms its support for rural living, agricultural viability, low-density neighbourhoods, and the right of residents to travel freely and access services beyond arbitrary geographic boundaries;

And That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the County of Bruce, and all lower-tier municipalities within Bruce County to encourage dialogue and cooperation in defending rural lifestyles and local autonomy in planning decisions.

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