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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of Tuesday, May 14, 2019
**Re: Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas; Re: Response to Bill 108, the More Homes,
More Choice Act**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and replaced it with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) received unanimous, all-party support; and

Whereas all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially-approved Official Plans, to uphold their community-driven planning; and

Whereas Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

Whereas on August 21, 2018, Minister Clark once again signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and

Whereas this MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the *Municipal Act*" and recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require

coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and

Whereas by signing this agreement, the Province made “...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and

Whereas Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts: *Cannabis Control Act, 2017; Conservation Authorities Act; Development Charges Act; Education Act; Endangered Species Act, 2007; Environmental Assessment Act; Environmental Protection Act; Labour Relations Act, 1995; Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017; Municipal Act, 2001; Occupational Health and Safety Act; Ontario Heritage Act; Ontario Water Resources Act; Planning Act; and Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997;*

- 1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 108, which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

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Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities