



The Corporation of The City of Stratford

Resolution: Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act

WHEREAS on April 11, 2019, the Provincial government tabled a new budget, some of which represents a significant shift in priorities, with direct implications to the City of Stratford and municipalities across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS this shift in priorities will put disproportionate pressure on municipal governments to either fully fund Provincially discontinued programs or partially supplement programs and services at current service levels;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford recognizes that the Government of Ontario announced in May 2019 that it will reverse mid-year cuts to critical services of public health, childcare and ambulance services and requests an opportunity to work collaboratively to find solutions that will work for all partners and protect services prior to drafting 2020 budgets;

AND WHEREAS previous legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support as all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans and community driven planning;

AND WHEREAS in the spirit of working together for the benefit of all Ontario residents, Stratford City Council opposes the upcoming changes to the Planning Act as municipalities were not consulted and afforded an opportunity to provide feedback;

AND REQUESTS a meeting with MPP Pettapiece, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and other related ministries on the effects of downloading onto municipal governments;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario and to AMO.

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