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February 22, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following motion in support of the Town of Aurora, Request for Support for Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal. (copy enclosed).

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Moved By Deputy Mayor Gord Queen

Seconded By Councillor Kim DeYong

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or

fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan;
and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

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.

CARRIED”

Please contact the undersigned if you should require any further information.

Yours very truly,



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