



Resolution Number: SCRES:2019-03

Date: January 18, 2019

Moved By: Councillor Lovshin

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jibb

Resolution

Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt and the Oak Ridges Moraine is a paramount concern for our residents; and

Whereas the continued legislative protection of our water- groundwater, surface water and water ways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community; and

Whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "Open for Business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes; and

Whereas an "Open for Business" By-Law may be approved without public consultation; and

Whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas the Township of Hamilton's Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected; and

Whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: That notwithstanding the future adoptions of Bill 66, the Township of Hamilton Council will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10, as it stands on January 18, 2019;

1. Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Hamilton Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an “Open for Business” planning by-law; and submit a copy to the Ontario Regulatory Registry, and the Environmental Registry of Ontario before January 20, 2019 deadline, and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes for the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speaks to the creation of the open for business planning by-law; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of the Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, MPP David Picinni, MPP (Deputy Premier) Christine Elliott, and all MPP’s in the Province of Ontario.

Carried