



May 27, 2019

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 – Impact on Development Charges and the Land Use Planning System

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its meeting held on Monday, May 27, 2019, approved the following motion:

1. That CORP2019-043 and IPPW2019-043 be approved.
2. That Council supports the Province's goals of improving access to different types of housing, including more affordable housing, but strongly disagrees that Bill 108 in its current form will achieve them
3. That Council is concerned that Bill 108 in its current form could put at risk our city's finances and ability to provide parkland and community facilities, including the East Side Library.
4. That Council is opposed to the return of the old OMB rules for planning appeals as it once again takes decisions out of the hands of municipal Councils and is concerned that the new timelines for planning decisions will make it difficult to adequately engage the public and resolve issues collaboratively, and avoid a lengthy and costly appeal process.
5. That Council request that the Province extend the deadline for comments on Bill 108 from June 1 to September 30 and make any proposed regulations associated with Bill 108 available well in advance of the new deadline to allow municipalities adequate time for comment.
6. That CORP2019-043 and IPPW2019-043, along with any additional comments that may be deemed appropriate by the City's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the City Planner, and/or the City Solicitor, be forwarded to the Province of Ontario as the City of Waterloo's preliminary comments in relation to Bill 108.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julie Scott

Deputy City Clerk, Legislative Services, Corporate Services