



November 23, 2022

The Honorable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

By Email Only

RE: [COMMENTS ON THE MORE HOMES BUILT FASTER ACT, 2022 \(BILL 23\) AND ASSOCIATED REGISTRY POSTINGS \(5.0\)](#)

Dear Premier;

This will confirm that at its November 22, 2022 meeting, Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

1. That the report dated November 22, 2022 titled "Comments on the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022 (Bill 23) and Associated Registry Postings" be received; and,
2. That the Province of Ontario be requested to immediately halt the passage of Bill 23; and,
3. That the Province of Ontario be requested to appoint Members, including municipal representatives, to the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team in order to develop a meaningful partnership between the Province and stakeholders in order to expeditiously deliver attainable and affordable housing units; and,
4. That the City of Markham request that the Province appoint Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti to the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team; and,
5. That the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Planning Act*; and,
6. That the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act*, except for the following:
 - a. Provisions for affordable and purpose built rental housing where there is no net impact on municipal finance as the City of Markham has already exempted previous subsidized housing projects; and,
 - b. DC By-law expiry updated from every 5 years to every 10 years; and,
 - c. Requiring municipalities to allocate or spend at least 60% of development charges reserve balance of water, wastewater and roads at the start of each year; and,
7. That the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, except for the following:

- a. Requiring the Clerk of a municipality to ensure that the information included in the register is accessible to the public on the municipality's website; and,
 - b. Requiring that non-designated property to be added to the register must meet the criteria for determining whether the property is of cultural heritage value or interest if such criteria is prescribed; and,
 - c. Enabling the council of a municipality to amend or repeal a heritage conservation district plan; and,
8. That the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and,
9. That the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Greenbelt Act*; and,
10. That the City of Markham request York Region confirm the following:
 - a. Conveyance of sewage flows to the York Durham Trunk Sanitary Sewer (YDSS) from municipalities located in the upper parts of the Region, as recommended by the Province's York Region Wastewater Advisory Panel, will not impact growth and approvals of developments in Markham that are located in the YDSS service area; and,
 - b. Improvements needed to the YDSS on 16th Avenue and 9th Line to support growth from municipalities located in the upper parts of the Region and from Markham; and,
 - c. That York Region will continue to assign sufficient sanitary allocation to Markham to not impede growth in Markham; and,
 - d. That infrastructure projects identified to support growth in Markham will not be deferred or removed from the Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan; and,
11. That the City of Markham request that the Province extend the consultation period on Bill 23 and the Associated Registry Posting to provide more opportunities for public engagement and consultation given the magnitude and impact of the proposed changes; and,
12. That City of Markham staff be directed to prepare a report outlining an implementation plan, should the Province not extend the commenting period and approve Bill 23 and the Associated Registry Postings; and,
13. That this resolution and report be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, York Region Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, leaders of the Opposition, and to the Region of York, as the City of Markham's comments on Bill 23 and the Associated Registry Postings; and,
14. That this report be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and further,
15. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy at DLyons@markham.ca

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

[City of Markham Comments on More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 \(Bill 23\) and Associated Registry Postings](#)

[Appendix A – ERO and ORR Postings Associated with the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#)

[Appendix B – City of Markham Comments on the More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 \(Bill 23\) and Associated Registry Postings](#)

[Appendix C – Bill 23 Parkland Implications](#)

[Appendix D – City of Markham MTSAs](#)

[Appendix E – York Region Preferred Wastewater Servicing Strategy](#)

[Appendix F – York Region Wastewater Advisory Panel Recommended Routing of Sewage Flows by way of YDSS](#)

[Comments on More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 \(Bill 23\) and Associated Registry Postings - Presentation](#)

Cc: Local MPPs
Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Minister, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure
Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party
John Fraser, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers
Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Markham
Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, City of Markham
Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services, City of Markham
Darryl Lyons, Senior Manager, Policy & Research, City of Markham
Mark Visser, Acting Treasurer, City of Markham