



November 30, 2023

Honourable Michael Ford, Minister
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley St West
Toronto, ON M7A 2E7

Via email: Michael.Ford@ontario.ca

RE: [RECOMMENDATION REPORT, COMMENTS ON BILL 139, LESS RED TAPE, MORE COMMON SENSE ACT, 2023 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND REGULATION \(16.11\)](#)

This will confirm that at a meeting held on November 29, 2023, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

1. That the Staff report, dated November 27, 2023, titled, "Recommendation Report, Comments on Bill 139, Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act, 2023 – Proposed Amendment to the Ontario Heritage Act and Regulation", be received; and,
2. That the City of Markham does not support the proposed changes to Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act concerning individually designated properties occupied by buildings used for religious practices; and,
3. That this report be forwarded to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as the City of Markham's comments on Bill 139 (Schedule 14); and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Regan Hutcheson at 905.477.7000 ext. 2080 or via email at rhutcheson@markham.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Attachments:

[Bill 139, Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act, 2023 - Proposed Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act.pdf](#)