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234-2022-3540

August 10, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and a shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Our government also made an election promise to build 1.5 million new homes for the people of Ontario over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that our government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on August 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster.

If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term. Other growing municipalities could follow at a later date.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding these proposed changes, you may submit them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at: StrongMayors@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister



Sent via Email

September 23, 2022

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – STRONG MAYORS

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 20, 2022, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Correspondence from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Strong Mayors be received for information.

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and others matters.

AND FINALLY THAT this motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. G.

Jacob Galvao
Administrative Clerk II – Legislative Services
Town of Gravenhurst

September 23, 2022

Sent Via Email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honorable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
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Dear Minister Clark:

RE: Support Resolution re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, Town of Wasaga Beach

Council at its Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2022, passed the following resolution.

RES-403-2022

Resolved That Council support the Town of Wasaga Beach resolution regarding Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you will find this satisfactory.

Best Regards,

Fiona Smith

Fiona Smith
Deputy Clerk

Enc.

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities





August 19, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
17th Floor
Toronto ON
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Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their August 18, 2022 Council meeting adopted the following resolution:

“That Council receive the letter dated August 10, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, for information;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.”

The Town of Wasaga Beach Council does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act as the proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Bifulchi
Mayor

c. Members of Council
All Ontario Municipalities



Nina Bifulchi, Mayor
Town of Wasaga Beach
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mayor@wasagabeach.com

September 9th 2022

Re: Strong Mayors Building Homes Act

Dear Mayor Bifulchi,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 31st 2022, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*.

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Netty McEwen

Seconded by Councillor Tim Wilkins

That Council directs staff to send a letter in support of item 'H', Resolution- Town of Wasaga Beach re Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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September 14, 2022

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Wasaga Beach, ON
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eamc@wasagabeach.com

AND TO:

Town of Kingsville
2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, ON
N9Y 2Y9
jsettington@kingsville.ca

RE: STRONG MAYORS BUILDING HOMES ACT

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on September 6, 2022, the Township of Lucan Biddulph Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolutions from the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach and Town of Kingsville regarding *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*.

Resolution No. 2022 - 203

Moved by D. Regan

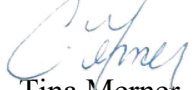
Seconded by D. Manders

That Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph supports the following resolutions regarding opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022:

- *Town of Kingsville dated September 1, 2022*
- *Town of Wasaga Beach dated August 19, 2022*

Should you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Tina Merner
Deputy Clerk

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org)
Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex (Monte.McNaughtonco@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
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COPY VIA EMAIL (Premier@ontario.ca)

September 1, 2022

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to
Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022**

At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

Resolution #336-08292022

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

“WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE – Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
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If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at pparker@kingsville.ca.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker
Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
(Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org)
Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; Attn.: Committee Clerk
Isaiah Thorning (schicp@ola.org)
Anthony Leardi, MPP – Essex (Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities



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September 15, 2022

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attn: The Honourable Steve Clark
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Re: Res. #22-21-23 – Town of Wasaga Beach – Request for Support re: ***Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act***

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #22-21-23 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports, in principle, the Town of Wasaga Beach's opposition of the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and all Ontario municipalities