



TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

March 11, 2016

Via Email

To: All Municipalities in the Province of Ontario

RE: ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD SIMPLIFIED PROCESS

Please find attached the resolution approved by the Council of the Town of Lakeshore at their Regular Council meeting held on March 8, 2016

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mary Masse
Clerk

Attachment: Resolution of Lakeshore Council

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Councillor Wilder moved and Councillor McKinlay seconded:

WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario invest a significant amount of time and resources into developing and updating their Official Plan; and

WHEREAS the Official Plan of a municipality in Ontario, is ultimately reviewed and approved by the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of a Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of their Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of a Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of their Official Plan; and

WHEREAS planning decisions of a Municipal Council may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board ("OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the taxpayers of that municipality; and

WHEREAS there is a significant expenditure of time and resources associated with defending decisions of a Municipal Council to the OMB, the full cost of which is borne by that municipality and ultimately the taxpayers of that municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT that the Government of Ontario be requested to establish a simplified process within the OMB ("OMB Simplified Process"), whereby planning decisions of a Municipal Council, made on the basis of upholding their Official Plan, may be appealed at no cost to that municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Government of Ontario be requested to require the OMB to uphold any planning decisions of a Municipal Council, if they are made on the basis of upholding their Official Plan, unless through the OMB Simplified Process, they are

*found to be contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation;
and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously