



March 16, 2022

Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Attention: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting held March 8, 2022.

Resolution # 2022-13-03

Moved by Councillor Sutherland

Seconded by Councillor Ruttan

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

WHEREAS we are updating our Official Plan to include policies to encourage development of “gentle density”, such as additional dwelling units, to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

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

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

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of South Frontenac; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with approved official plans or consistent with provincial plans and policy; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are similarly only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT South Frontenac Council requests the Government of Ontario **remove planning matters** from the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs 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.

Carried.

Yours truly

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

Copy:

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition

Steve Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

MPP's in the Province of Ontario

All Ontario Municipalities