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Dear Mayor and Members of Council

The motion that I have attached for your consideration, was passed unanimously at Aurora Council on January 26th. As of today, this motion has been passed in over 60 municipalities. The idea is that if we all stand together and voice our concerns about the need for OMB reform then we as a group have a better chance of affecting real change at the Provincial level.

The list of municipalities where the motion is about to be made a notice of motion on their agenda(s) is growing every day. Councillors representing municipalities across the province contact us almost daily to say that they will be putting forward the motion to their Councils in the near future.

The thought is that with the talks of a review at the Provincial level sometime in the near future, the time is now for municipalities to come together to voice their concerns and identify common principles for reform. In that way, there is a greater opportunity for municipalities to speak from a position of strength - and hopefully - leverage that strength to affect real, positive and effective change as it speaks to the scope of powers of the OMB. With reform it is hoped that municipalities will have a greater say in how they grow and evolve.

The work is almost complete on the Municipal Summit. The Summit will be held May 14th and will be a gathering of elected officials from Ontario to work on not only OMB Reform but also how Open spaces/golf courses are redeveloped. The goal of the summit is to identify common principles of appropriate and responsible redevelopment of open space/golf courses and to communicate those principles to the Province to ensure they inform and are incorporated in the legislative review process and ultimate reform of the OMB Act.

We are also looking at being on the agenda for the AMO conference this summer and present as a group so that we can cast a larger net and have more municipalities join the movement of true OMB reform.

I am hopeful that the value in putting this motion forward is seen by your municipality and that your municipality joins the long list of municipalities standing together for change and true reform of the OMB.

I am available anytime to discuss this further. My number is 289-879-2176

You could visit the OMB Reform Facebook page also:

www.facebook.com/ombreform<UrlBlockedError.aspx>

Sincerely,

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