



*The TOWNSHIP of*  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

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May 30, 2025

Sent via Email: [rmartell@orangeville.ca](mailto:rmartell@orangeville.ca)

**RE: Resolution received from the Town of Orangeville regarding Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5**

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on May 26, 2025, the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed correspondence received from the Town of Orangeville and adopted the following resolution:

*"THAT Township Council support the Resolution received from the Town of Orangeville regarding Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5."*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Ashley Good*

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## Resolution

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**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2025

**Resolution No.** 2025-093

**Moved:** Councillor Prendergast

**Seconded:** Councillor Andrews

### **Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5**

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
  - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
  - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

**Result:** Carried Unanimously