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October 18, 2022

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street 17th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Email: Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org

Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark

Re: Town of Wasaga Beach – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa, at the regular Electronic Council meeting held on September 27, 2022 passed the following resolution:

**MOVED BY STIRK , SECONDED BY BANFIELD
BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

Council do hereby support the Town of Wasaga Beach resolution dated August 18, 2022 regarding the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act in response to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing correspondence dated August 10, 2022;

And further that Council directs staff to send a letter of support to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

A copy of the Town of Wasaga Beach correspondence regarding the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act is enclosed for your reference.

Trusting you find this satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Susan M. Stone, AMCT
CAO
Township of East Garafraxa
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Enclosure

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
All Dufferin 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

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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,

Steve Clark
Minister