



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting

Resolution # 2023/38
Title: Support resolution for Bill 23
Date: February 7, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Jérôme Courchesne
Seconded by: Councillor Anne Tessier

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario recently passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 without providing meaningful or adequate opportunity for municipalities to provide input on ways to increase the supply of housing and to improve housing affordability in Ontario while ensuring the financial capacity of municipalities to support growth and protection of the environment;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will have significant negative impact on, green standards, environmental protection of wetlands, conservation, social housing and other significant areas of concern;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will negatively impact municipalities' ability to manage growth, fund essential services and provide new infrastructure for the community resulting in fewer affordable housing units and putting pressure on the municipal tax rate by freezing, reducing, and exempting fees and development charges;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will have a negative environmental impact by removing the Conservation Authority's ability to review and consult on developments impacting natural heritage and conservation;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will result in reduced parkland for municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will open up the Greenbelt for development when the Greenbelt should remain an environmentally protected area so it can continue to help with flood control, provide clean air, and protect us from natural disasters;

AND WHEREAS a preliminary analysis of Bill 23 by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) indicates the transfer of up to \$1 billion a year in costs from private sector developers to property taxpayers without any likelihood of improved housing affordability while also undermining environmental protection;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities have joined in expressing their concern with the negative impacts of Bill 23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Municipality of West Nipissing formally express its opposition to Bill 23 in its current form and that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and MPP for Nipissing Timiskaming, John Vanthof;
2. That a copy of this resolution also be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED