



April 27, 2022

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Overview of Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 – PLAN-23-22

Resolution No.2022-121

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Van Egmond

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report PLAN-2022-23 for information; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a resolution letter to be endorsed by Council, signed by the mayor, and sent to David Piccini, MPP and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to April 29, 2022.

CARRIED.

Re: Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act

Dear Minister Clark,

This letter is in response to the request for feedback concerning Bill 109 in addition to the April 20, 2022 Information Session and Technical Overview for Bill 109 presented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

It is acknowledged that housing affordability and availability is becoming a serious issue in the province of Ontario, however it is the concern of many that the proposed changes will not achieve the goals being set for expediting the housing project process.

Whereas the Township of Cramahe supports housing supply initiatives, especially initiatives that balanced and sustainable growth which is a key objective of its Strategic Plan, the Township of Cramahe and the Northumberland County Official Plans . Although all Municipalities are wanting to expediate housing project processes, it is difficult to see how the proposed changes are executing this goal responsibly.

Whereas municipalities, including the Township of Cramahe, are facing unprecedented development pressures, complex development files, and ongoing resource challenges on the heels of a global pandemic.

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Whereas the Province of Ontario through the Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 proposes to:

- enact legislation to refund application fees should certain planning approvals not be issued within prescribed timeframes;
- regulate the supporting materials necessary for a complete site plan application; and,
- to provide limitations on the types of subdivision conditions that can be imposed on development applications.

Now therefore be it resolved that while Council for the Township of Cramahe generally supports many of the revisions to provincial legislation to support increased housing supply, the Township of Cramahe respectfully objects to:

1. Refunding development application fees that would result in lost revenue for staff time spent on files, and which delays may not be attributed to a lack of staff resources on the file, but rather the result of increasingly complex matters that impact timeframes and are largely outside the control of municipal planning departments, including the quality and timeliness of application material by the applicant and/or their consulting team.
2. Prescribing the requirements for a complete site plan application. At the pre-consultation stage together with staff and agencies a detailed list of requirements for the complete site application is provided. Municipal and agency staff together with the applicant work well to scope the types of studies and level of detail through approved Terms of Reference, as required. This practice should be left to Municipalities, with appeal rights provided to the applicant under the *Planning Act*, should a dispute arise.
3. Limiting the types of conditions of approval for Draft Plans of Subdivision may impact staff and Councils' ability to appropriately respond to the unique and complex nature of development applications and to best protect the interests of the Municipality. The applicant has the right to appeal under the *Planning Act* should a dispute arise.

And further that that this resolution be circulated to David Piccini, MPP and through the Provincial commenting window for the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Municipal Clerk

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