

November 15, 2022

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 8, 2022 the following motion regarding a response to the *Strong Mayors, Building Act*, (Bill 3) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-446

DATE: November 8, 2022

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts

WHEREAS; the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council" for the head of council of Toronto and Ottawa that will be expanded to include other growing municipalities;

WHEREAS; Council must work together in concert with the Mayor as a consensus-builder in order to accomplish local initiatives, and Bill 3 presents a very significant shift within the system of local governance in Ontario;

WHEREAS; this Bill will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from councils and professional staff, which include but is not limited to giving the mayor the authority to propose and adopt the municipal budget, determine the organizational structure of the municipality, establish, dissolve and assign functions to committees, and veto decisions of Council;

WHEREAS; new section 284.2 to the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may, by regulation, designate municipalities to which the strong mayor system will apply, thereby eroding municipal autonomy and independence while creating instability for council and municipal administration;

AND WHEREAS; these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward strongly opposes these unnecessary changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*;



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THAT Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Todd Smith, all 444 municipalities, FCM, AMCTO, and AMO.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catalina Blumenberg".

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

