



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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General Correspondence Items

1. **Resolution of June 12, 2018 Re: Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection**
Town of Aurora
August 10, 2018
2. **Resolution of July 24, 2018 Re: Motion (a) Increased Provincial Funding for Public Libraries**
Town of Aurora
August 13, 2018

Proclamation and Lighting Request

There were no proclamation and lighting requests for this period.



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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES		
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August 10, 2018

Delivered by email
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The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 12, 2018
Re: Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on June 12, 2018, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Oakville has passed a similar resolution; and

Whereas the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

Whereas the Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters of our rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for more than 12 years; and

Whereas a permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities; and

Whereas there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) without weakening the protections provided by the Greenbelt; and

Whereas efforts to open the Greenbelt to create the opportunity for land speculators to build expansive homes, at immense profits, in remote areas; and

Whereas opening the Greenbelt would move the urban boundary thus creating more sprawl and increased traffic; and

Whereas the costs of sprawl result in increased taxes, because 25% of the costs of sprawl are downloaded to existing property tax payers; and

Whereas programs like the proposed inclusionary zoning regulations will assist municipalities in advancing the supply of affordable housing stock without the need to expand the built boundary;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora stands with its municipal neighbours to undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt, of which the Oak Ridges Moraine is a part; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Province be strongly urged to extend Greenbelt protection to include the appropriate white belt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, all Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine), Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, The Regional Municipality of York, and members of Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt, and leaders of the various Ontario political parties.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Re: Town of Aurora Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection
August 10, 2018
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Copy: Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario
John Fraser, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Environmental Defence
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt
STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine)
Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Municipalities
The Regional Municipality of York

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Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 24, 2018
Re: Motion (a) Increased Provincial Funding for Public Libraries

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on July 24, 2018, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and

Whereas the Aurora Public Library engages with the community and contributes to a culture of lifelong learning and social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and

Whereas the Aurora Public Library has enhanced its services and programs to meet a population growing in number and diversity; and

Whereas in 2017 the Aurora Public Library experienced a year-over-year increase in resource use of 5.8 percent, visits to the Library of 5.4 percent, and an increase in program attendance of 28.8 percent; and

Whereas the Aurora Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20-year funding freeze to local libraries in an acknowledgement of the services they offer to all residents; and**

2. **Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries as was included in the provincial budget of March 28, 2018, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index; and**
3. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to York Region municipalities.**

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Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP Newmarket-Aurora
Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Sarah Roberts, Ontario Library Association
Stephen Abram, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
York Region Municipalities