

May 14, 2019

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

Doug Ford, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**Re: May 13, 2019 Council Resolution - Opposition to Bill 108**

Please be advised the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake at its regular meeting held on May 13, 2019 approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous support from all parties; and

WHEREAS All parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS On August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and

WHEREAS This MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act" and recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest"; and

WHEREAS By signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact"; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning

Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

AND FURTHER that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and Wayne Gates, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and local area municipalities.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Todd', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Peter Todd**  
**Town Clerk**

Cc: Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party  
Hon. Wayne Gates, MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Local Area Municipalities