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Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

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Hon. Bill Mauro, MPP
Minister of Municipal Affairs
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister:

Enclosed you will find an email you should have received from Bill White, CAO/Clerk, Town of Minto, concerning your government's Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017*. Also enclosed is a copy of Mr. White's report to the mayor and council on this matter.

Council has passed a resolution supporting certain sections of your legislation. The resolution makes clear, however, that council does not support other aspects of your bill, including:

- Imposing mandates on climate change and tree policies already enshrined in provincial policy, as municipalities are already leading the way in environmental initiatives using autonomy currently in the Municipal Act;
- Decreasing local autonomy and increasing mandated oversight, reporting and bureaucracy including a requirement to retain an integrity commissioner; and
- Mandating authority and responsibility to an integrity commissioner already incumbent upon staff, heads of council, individual members of council and local boards, Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff and the ombudsman.

As you know, the official opposition repeatedly raised municipalities' concerns as this bill was debated. Because your government failed to respond adequately to our concerns, I voted against this legislation. I would appreciate if you would personally review the Town of Minto's resolution and report, and respond directly to Mr. White. Please send a copy of your response to my Queen's Park office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

Enclosures

c: Bill White, CAO/Clerk, Town of Minto

