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April 23, 2018

Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P.  
12 Perry Street  
Woodstock, ON N4S 3C2

Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Southgate, at its regular meeting held on April 18, 2018, endorsed the following resolution:

**Moved by Councillor Dobreen, Seconded by Councillor Pallister;**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive consent item (O) from M.P.P. Ernie Hardeman for information; and

**That** Council support the resolution to grant Municipalities the "Right to Approve" Landfill developments; and

**That** Council direct staff to take the appropriate administrative action as outlined in the resolution. **Carried.** No. 2018-313

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 519-923-2110 ext. 222 or email [jbrick@southgate.ca](mailto:jbrick@southgate.ca).

Sincerely,

Josh Brick

Deputy Clerk, Township of Southgate

c.c. M.P.P. Ernie Hardeman  
Ontario Municipalities

Encl.

Township of Southgate Support Resolution for Municipalities "Right to Approve" Landfill Developments

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**Township of Southgate – Support Resolution**

**MUNICIPALITIES CALL ON PROVINCE FOR "RIGHT TO APPROVE"  
LANDFILL DEVELOPMENTS**

**WHEREAS** municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

**AND WHEREAS** this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities, AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

**AND WHEREAS** the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities should have the right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Southgate supports *Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites Act* introduced by MPP Ernie Hardeman and calls upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities,

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Township of Southgate send copies of this resolution to MPP Ernie Hardeman and all municipalities.