



HALTON REGION

NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: July 10, 2019

ITEM: Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)

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TO BE CONSIDERED: Council Meeting – July 10, 2019

MOVED BY: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
SECONDED BY: Mayor Rick Bonnette

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, (Bill 108); and

WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 will give LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective “best planning outcome” approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal; and

WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*; and

WHEREAS Regional and City Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT, including more than \$5 million over the last three years;

WHEREAS the reverting back to *de novo* hearings adds delays and costs to the housing delivery, as planning decisions start from scratch requiring lawyers, experts and witnesses, repeating the planning analysis already done by local councils;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

THAT in the long-term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.