



November 21, 2022

TO: Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022

At its Regular Council Meeting held on October 3, 2022, Council discussed the attached Town of Kingsville resolution opposing Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022. Council discussed the importance of the democratic method of conducting Council and maintaining an equal voice for Councillors and Mayors alike.

As a result of that review Council passed the following resolution:

R22-10-861

Moved by: Councillor Bondy

Seconded by: Deputy Major Bjorkman

That the correspondence dated September 1, 2022 from the Town of Kingsville regarding Strong Mayors Building Homes Act 2022 be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Councillor Bondy requested a recorded vote:



	Support	Opposed	Regrets
Mayor Meloche	X		
Deputy Mayor Bjorkman	X		
Councillor Garon			X
Councillor Bowman		X	
Councillor Verbeek			X
Councillor Vander Doelen		X	
Councillor Matyi	X		
Councillor Bondy	X		
Results	4	2	2

Carried (4 to 2)

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger".

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The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Honourable Steve Clark

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COPY VIA EMAIL (Premier@ontario.ca)

September 1, 2022

The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to
Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022**

At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

Resolution #336-08292022

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

“WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE – Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
Results	6	0

If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at pparker@kingsville.ca.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker
Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; Attn.: Committee Clerk
Isaiah Thorning (schicp@ola.org)
Anthony Leardi, MPP – Essex (Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities