

December 22, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Motion Against Quebec's Bill 21

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on December 21st, 2021, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution regarding the Province of Quebec's Bill 21.

Resolution 2021-424 Scott/Sandhu

WHEREAS Quebec's Bill 21 unfairly discriminates against public-sector workers by directly infringing on their freedom of religion and freedom of expression rights as enshrined into law by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS Bradford West Gwillimbury is a growing community that is proud of its diversity and diligently working to tear down barriers, advance anti-racism work and foster an inclusive community;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are passing motions condemning Bill 21;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed a motion in 2019 stating: "Ontario and its government shall oppose any law that would seek to restrict or limit the religious freedoms of our citizens; and, that Ontario's Legislature affirms that we value our diversity and assert that we shall promote and protect free expression and the rights of religious minorities, consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council declares its opposition to Bill 21 and supports efforts to see this discriminatory law overturned; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Francois Legault, Premier of Quebec, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, Scot Davidson, MP York-Simcoe, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario.
CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe
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