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March 7, 2022

Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Attn: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on March 7, 2022, Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial planning policy; and,

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation and in consideration of Provincial planning policy; and,

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province and the Province has the ability at the time of approval to demand any policy changes it feels is necessary to reflect Provincial Planning Policy and goals; and,

Whereas currently municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Newmarket; and,

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive and time consuming OLT hearings; and,

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier and slow the process of development of housing options including affordable housing options; and,

Therefore Be It Resolved:

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Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and,

3. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jaclyn Grossi
Acting Deputy Clerk

Copy:

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition

Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

MPPs in the Province of Ontario

All Ontario municipalities

**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council - Electronic**

Title: Motion - Councillor Bisanz - Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022

Moved by: Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

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Carried