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November 27, 2023

RE 6.7 Town of Cobourg - Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-358:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council has previously passed a resolution regarding illegal land use enforcement;

That Council direct staff to connect with the Town of Cobourg and other municipalities with similar concerns on the possibility of a joint delegation to AMO lead by the Town of Cobourg and report back to Council.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,  
Municipal Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario,  
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October 11, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by           Councillor Miriam Mutton  
Seconded by       Councillor Brian Darling

Resolution No: 314-2023  
October 2, 2023

**THAT** Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement for information purposes; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council endorse and support the resolution from the Township of Puslinch and Council direct staff to send a duplicate resolution to associated ministries and Ontario Municipalities.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and



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- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more than \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

That a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

That a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Sincerely,



Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

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