Township of La Vallee

RESOLUTION NO. 207

MOVED by: Eloise Hughes

Dated: November 16, 2026

SECONDED by: Brendan Hyatt

WHEREAS on October 27, 2026, the Government of Ontario introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026; and

WHEREAS Schedule 7 of Bill 140 proposes to amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* by repealing Section 17.5, which currently requires landfill proponents to obtain written support from the host municipality—and, where applicable, any adjacent municipality whose land lies within 3.5 kilometres of the proposed site—before proceeding with a comprehensive environmental assessment; and

WHEREAS Section 17.5 was enacted by the Province of Ontario in 2020 through Bill 197 specifically to recognize the right of local municipalities to have a decisive voice over major landfill developments that carry generational impacts for local infrastructure, water resources, agricultural land, public health, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS repealing Section 17.5 removes essential local democratic oversight, strips municipalities of their "willing host" authority, and risks imposing large-scale private or regional waste disposal facilities on communities without local consent; and

WHEREAS Bill 140 was introduced immediately following the October, 2026 municipal elections and has been referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior with public consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario closing on November 26, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of La Vallee formally opposes Schedule 7 of Bill 140 (*Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026*) and calls upon the Government of Ontario to withdraw Schedule 7 in its entirety and preserve Section 17.5 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to maintain the requirement for written municipal support from both host and neighbouring municipalities within 3.5 kilometres prior to the advancement of any landfill environmental assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction;
- Greg Rickford], Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River;

- The Clerk of the Standing Committee on the Interior (scl@ola.org); Stefan Uguen-Csenge
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and
- All Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

	Yea	Nay	Recorded vote	Pecuniary Interest
L. MacDonald				
G. Esselink				
E. Hughes				
B. Hyatt				
S. Loshaw				

L. MacDonald
Reeve

Carried ✓

Defeated _____