TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR
Always in Season

townshipofmachar.ca

Nov 16, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Re: Request to pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

We're in receipt of correspondence dated Nov 13, 2026 from The Township of Stone Mills, regarding concerns with the consultation timeline of Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026. The Council of the Township of Machar passed the following Resolution at their Regular meeting Nov 16, 2026:

189-2026
Moved by: Schoenberger
Seconded by: Smuck

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, proposing significant legislative changes affecting municipal governance, planning, environmental protections, and local decision-making;

AND WHEREAS municipalities recognize the importance of streamlining regulatory processes and supporting responsible development, but must also have sufficient opportunity to review and understand the implications of proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipal elections were held on October 26, 2026, with newly elected Councils commencing their terms on November 15, 2026, leaving limited opportunity for incoming Councils to review the legislation and provide informed feedback within the Province's consultation timelines;

AND WHEREAS rural and Northern municipalities face unique challenges, making meaningful municipal consultation essential to ensuring provincial legislation reflects the needs and circumstances of all Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Machar respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario extend the consultation period for Bill 140 by a minimum of 90 days following the commencement of the new municipal Council term;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to refrain from proceeding with final passage of Bill 140 until municipalities have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed changes and provide meaningful input;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

Sincerely,

Angela Loney
Clerk Administrator

The Corporation of The
Township of Stone Mills
4504 County Road 4, Centreville, Ontario K0K 1N0
Tel. (613) 378-2475 Fax. (613) 378-0033
Website: www.stonemills.com

November 13, 2026 **Sent Via Email Only**

Honrouable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Honorouable Doug Ford,

Re: Requests to pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 9, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-717-2026

WHEREAS: The Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, which proposes significant legislative changes affecting municipalities, planning, environmental protections, public consultation and other areas of provincial and municipal governance;

AND WHEREAS the proposed legislation contains numerous complex provisions that may have significant and long-term implications for municipalities, their residents, and their ability to make informed decisions in the public interest;

AND WHEREAS municipal councils have a responsibility to carefully review proposed legislation, understand its potential implications, and provide meaningful and informed input to the provincial government on behalf of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 municipal election was held on October 26, 2026, and newly elected municipal councils are in the process of transitioning into their new terms of office, with limited opportunity to view and assess the full implications of Bill 140 prior to the provincial consultation deadlines;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills recognizes that Bill 140 may contain provisions that could benefit municipalities and the public, but believes that meaningful consultation requires adequate time for municipalities to understand and assess the proposed changes before providing informed feedback;

AND WHEREAS municipal input is essential to ensuring that provincial legislation reflects the practical realities, unique circumstances, and needs of Ontario’s diverse municipalities, including small rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills is not, at this time, taking a position on the merits of every provision contained within Bill 140, but rather is seeking an adequate opportunity for meaningful municipal review and consultation before the legislation proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Stone Mills respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act,

2026, to provide newly elected municipal councils with sufficient time to review and assess the proposed legislation;

2. The Township further requests that the Province refrain from advancing the proposed legislation to final passage until municipalities have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the legislation, consult with their communities, and provide meaningful input;

3. The Township requests that the Province provide newly elected municipal councils with a minimum 90 days following the commencement of their new terms of office to review the legislation and submit their comments;

4. That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Ric Bresee, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support;

5. That the Township of Stone Mills submit this resolution as its formal comment on the consultation process for Bill 140, and request that it be considered by the Province in determining the appropriate consultation period.

Moved By Councillor Milligan
Seconded By Councillor Lalande
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

B Teeple

Brandi Teeple
Township Clerk
Township of Stone Mills
4504 County Road 4
Centreville, ON, K0K 1N0
Phone: 613 378-2475 ext. 225
Email: bteeple@stonemills.com

cc. Rob Flack, Minster of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities