



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

Member Present	YES	NO	DATE: APRIL 23, 2025
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Councillor A. Cornelissen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOVED BY: 
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Councillor C. Daigle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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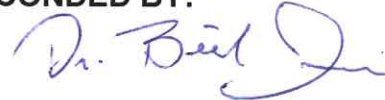
Councillor B. Irwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councillor S. Nirta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Deputy Mayor P. Hodgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor B. Ropp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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RESULT: Carried

WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the North Middlesex hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Steve Pinsonneault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.