

Friday, August 1, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca
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RE: Town of Goderich's Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

The Council of the Town of Goderich passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2025, Council meeting regarding the Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025:

Moved By: Councilor Petrie

Seconded By: Councilor Thompson

Whereas on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charges (hereafter, "DCs") and their associated revenues, and increase collection efforts and costs;

And Whereas the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

Now Therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich:

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,

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- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Huron-Bruce MPP, Huron-Bruce MP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Amanda Banting
Deputy Clerk
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