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**Subject:** Motion

Good evening!

Please add this to the March 28<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Thanks,

Angie

Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) are being misused and overused by Ontario's provincial government in a way that damages the environment, threatens our safety, and saddles municipalities with ill-considered sprawl that will drag us down for decades to come. While there are very rare emergencies that warrant speeding up the approval process, the government has changed the law to let the Minister issue MZOs that would otherwise be unlawful – because they violate fundamental planning rules or even create floods and landslide risk.

We cannot wait and fight sprawl MZOs case-by-case, because there is no transparent MZO process: an MZO could be requested and issued arbitrarily by the Minister before our municipality and Council even hear about it. Council must be proactive in protecting our community from these dangerous Minister's Zoning Orders, by passing a motion which (1) tells developers in advance that you will not request or endorse any request for a MZO that does not meet strict and transparent criteria, (2) preemptively asks the province not to issue any MZO that fails to meet those criteria, and (3) asks the Ontario legislature to legally prohibit MZOs that do not meet those criteria.

The text of that motion would be as follows:

1. That the Township of Wilmot will not make a request for or indicate its approval of any Minister's Zoning Order applicable to land within the Township of Wilmot, excepting Orders:

- a. which are limited to addressing an extraordinary and emergent circumstance that is a matter of provincial interest,
- b. which are limited to measures which the Township of Wilmot could not otherwise bring into force in time to adequately address the relevant extraordinary and emergent circumstance,
- c. which are consistent with the Official Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and s. s. 24, s. 2, s. 3 of the Planning Act,
- d. which do not authorize urbanization outside of settlement area boundaries,
- e. which do not authorize development that would destroy or displace a Provincially Significant Wetland, Provincially Significant Woodland, Provincially Significant Valley Lands, Provincially Significant Wildlife Habitat, Coastal Wetlands, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest or farmland,
- f. which are framed geographically or in their wording so as to not to limit any power that a Conservation Authority would otherwise have, and
- g. which are supported by the Minister's comprehensive, written, and publicly-disclosed reasons for determining that the above criteria have been met.

2. That the Township of Wilmot request the Government of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing place an immediate and permanent moratorium on the issuance of Minister's Zoning Orders applicable to land within the Township of Wilmot, excepting Orders:

- a. which are limited to addressing an extraordinary and emergent circumstance that is a matter of provincial interest,
- b. which are limited to measures which the Township of Wilmot could not otherwise bring into force in time to adequately address the relevant extraordinary and

emergent circumstance,

c. which are consistent with the Official Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and s. s. 24, s. 2, s. 3 of the Planning Act,

d. which do not authorize urbanization outside of settlement area boundaries,

e. which do not authorize development that would destroy or displace a Provincially Significant Wetland, Provincially Significant Woodland, Provincially Significant Valley Lands, Provincially Significant Wildlife Habitat, Coastal Wetlands, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest or farmland,

f. which are supported by the Minister's comprehensive, written, and publicly-disclosed reasons for determining that the above criteria have been met, and

g. whose issuance is expressly requested through a lawfully adopted motion of the Township of Wilmot.

3. That the Township of Wilmot request the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Legislative Assembly amend the *Planning Act* to prohibit the issuance of Minister's Zoning Orders applicable to land within the boundaries of any municipality, excepting Orders:

a. which are limited to addressing an extraordinary and emergent circumstance that is a matter of provincial interest,

b. which are limited to measures which the municipality could not otherwise bring into force in time to adequately address the relevant extraordinary and emergent circumstance,

c. which are consistent with the Official Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and s. s. 24, s. 2, s. 3 of the Planning Act,

d. which do not authorize urbanization outside of settlement area boundaries,

e. which do not authorize development that would destroy or displace a Provincially Significant Wetland, Provincially Significant Woodland, Provincially Significant Valley

Lands, Provincially Significant Wildlife Habitat, Coastal Wetlands, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest or farmland,

f. which are framed geographically or in their wording so as to not to limit any power that a Conservation Authority would otherwise have

g. which are supported by the Minister's comprehensive, written, and publicly-disclosed reasons for determining that the above criteria have been met, and

h. whose issuance is expressly requested through a lawfully adopted motion of the municipal government(s) to whose territory the Order pertains.

Original:

<https://environmentaldefence.ca/2021/03/26/take-initiative-fight-sprawl-mzos-template-resolutions/>

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