

June 18, 2025

**Via email only**

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**Re: Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5**

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held June 17, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2025-233**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Armstrong  
Seconded by Councillor Franzen

**Whereas** Council previously considered similar correspondence for information from the Town of Orangeville regarding Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5 at the June 3, 2025 Council meeting, which was after the consultation period had been closed; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 was subsequently passed and is continuing to be met with considerable opposition, Council may want to reconsider support; and

**Whereas** the Municipality of Trent Lakes supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes or infringement of indigenous rights in Treaty 20; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 introduces substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including rolling back environmental assessments and protections, and the repeal of the Endangered Species Act; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 creates “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 reduces Constitutionally guaranteed consultation requirements with First Nations; and

**Whereas** Bill 5 was rushed through the legislative process;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Trent Lakes Council joins with our neighbor Curve Lake First Nation in requesting that Bill 5 be repealed and any new legislation to advance housing and infrastructure growth respect existing environmental protections, municipal planning authority and the rights of First Nations; and further

**That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Minister of Health; Peterborough-Kawartha MPP David Smith; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and further

**That** a copy of this resolution be sent to all Peterborough County municipalities and Curve Lake First Nation for their awareness and consideration.

Carried.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

cc: Peterborough County Lower Tier Municipalities  
Curve Lake First Nation