

May 6, 2024

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Town of Orangeville, regarding an element of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23).

As you are aware, this omnibus Bill introduced several changes to various pieces of legislation, including the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and the Ontario Heritage Act. It is within the context of the latter that I am reaching out to you today.

Specifically, I wish to draw your attention to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, which stipulates that any non-designated heritage property that is listed on the municipal register as of December 31st, 2024, shall be removed from the register on or before January 1st, 2025, unless the Council of the municipality gives notice of intention to designate the property under section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Heritage Committee for the Town of Orangeville, comprised of dedicated volunteers, alongside our staff members, have diligently worked to review the current non-designated register, which contains a staggering 454 properties. However, despite their best efforts, they are unable to complete this monumental task by the looming deadline due to resource constraints and competing interest, most notably the urgent need to review and support new housing development proposals.

Therefore, on behalf of Council for the Town of Orangeville, I am requesting an amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, extending the deadline from January 1st, 2025 to January 1st, 2030. This extension will provide the necessary time and resource allocation to thoroughly assess each property's heritage value, engage with property owners, and take the appropriate steps to designate those deemed significant under the provisions of section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In light of the urgency of this matter, I kindly ask for your support in facilitating this amendment. I have been authorized to by my Council to send this letter and its attached resolution, which received unanimous support at our Council meeting on Monday, April 29th, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your quick attention to this pressing issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Lisa Post
Mayor

cc. Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin/Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
John Ecker, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario MPPs
Municipal Councils across the Province
Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)

Corporate Services

May 1, 2024

Re: Ontario Heritage Act Amendment

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2024, approved the following resolution:

Whereas the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23)* received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, *The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act;*

And whereas subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2024 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under Section 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025;

And whereas, the Heritage Orangeville committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of December 31, 2024;

And whereas, Heritage Orangeville committee along with staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties;

And whereas the above noted work involving 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. The Council of the Town of Orangeville request that Subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and**
- 2. That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust; and**
- 3. That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO).**

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk