
October 7, 2025

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition – Request for Support Resolution to Expand and Strengthen Greenbelt Protections

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on October 1, 2025, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C364C-2025

Moved by: Councillor Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

That the Delegation from Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition regarding a Request for Support Resolution to Expand and Strengthen Greenbelt Protections; be received; and,

Whereas the Greenbelt Plan provides permanent protection for ecologically and hydrologically significant landscapes, working in tandem with Source Water Protection Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement to guide sustainable land use; and,

Whereas the Greenbelt Plan is designed as an agriculture-forward land use framework, intended to permanently protect prime farmland, reduce speculative pressure, and support Ontario's food security and rural economies; and,

Whereas municipalities face increasing pressure from growth, aggregate extraction, and climate-related risks, and require strong, enforceable tools to protect water, farmland, and natural heritage for future generations; and,

Whereas this Council supports initiating dialogue with the Province, Indigenous Nations, and community stakeholders to explore opportunities for expanding

Greenbelt boundaries and strengthening its policies in alignment with local planning goals and environmental needs; and,

Whereas the 2015 Coordinated Land Use Planning Review recommended expansion of the Greenbelt into key hydrological areas, such as moraines and headwater systems, to further safeguard water and ecological health; and,

Whereas the Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires a review of the Greenbelt Plan at least every 10 years, and the next mandatory review must begin in 2025, presenting a timely opportunity for municipalities to shape the future of protected lands and policies in Ontario.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council hereby supports the exploration of opportunities to expand and strengthen Greenbelt protections; and,

That Council calls on the Province of Ontario to collaborate with municipalities, Indigenous Nations, and stakeholders in identifying and protecting additional lands of ecological, agricultural, and hydrological significance; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Hon. Doug Downey, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Simcoe County municipalities.

Carried

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Marshall, AMP
Clerk

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
MPP Honourable Doug Downey,
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
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