
September 10, 2026

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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RE: Opposition to Changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised at its Regular Meeting on September 2, 2026, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

Resolution C416-2026

Moved by: Councillor Alexander

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cabral

Whereas the Township of Stone Mills and numerous municipalities across Ontario have expressed concern regarding amendments to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act that exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and their staff from public access requests; and,

Whereas these amendments, including provisions with retroactive application, may unnecessarily restrict public access to government records, reduce transparency and accountability, and diminish public confidence in government; and,

Whereas the Council of the Township of Springwater believes that access to information is fundamental to open, transparent and accountable government, and that the public's right to know should be preserved while continuing to protect legitimate privacy interests and other exemptions established legislation.

Be It Therefore Resolved That the Council of the Township of Springwater acknowledges and supports the concerns expressed by the Township of Stone Mills and other Ontario municipalities regarding the recent amendments to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and,

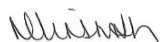
Further That the Council of the Township of Springwater respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario reconsider the recent amendments, including their retroactive application, and undertake meaningful consultation with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, and the public, to determine whether further legislative amendments are warranted to preserve and strengthen the public's right to access government information while maintaining appropriate protections for personal privacy and other exemptions established by law; and,

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, all Members of Provincial Parliament, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Simcoe County member municipalities, and local media to assist in informing the public of the concerns expressed by municipalities across Ontario regarding access to government information and the importance of preserving transparency and accountability.

Carried

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kindly,



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