

September 18, 2026



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

Dear Mr. Premier,

RE: Council motion passed September 15, 2026

Please be advised that on September 15, 2026, during a City Council meeting, Guelph City Council passed the following resolution in regard to a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Moved By: Councillor Downer
Seconded By: Councillor Caton

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies.
2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans.
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned.
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process.
5. That staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Carried

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