

Notice of Motion

Submitted By: Councillor Ryan

Introduction Date: June 26, 2025

Consideration Date: July 24, 2025

Subject Matter: Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter

Act, 2025

Whereas the Province of Ontario's Bill 17 – "Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter" Act received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025 before the end of the public commenting period on June 11, 2025;

And whereas the Town of Erin has committed to a multi-year corporate strategic plan that includes Environmental Stewardship as one of the five priorities, and with a vision to embrace a green and dynamic tomorrow;

And whereas Bill 17, in part, aims to standardize the application of the Ontario Building Code by removing municipalities' ability to implement green building standards;

And whereas Green Development Standards are integral to ensure smart growth, affording predictability for local utilities, and ensuring long-term affordability by ensuring homes are built with higher efficiency of water usage, preserving our water supply, and with the ability to install heat pump systems for better efficiencies for both heating and cooling;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Town of Erin advocates for the non-advancement of regulations within Bill 17 that restrict a local planning authority from implementing Green Development Standards; and

That Council directs staff to finalize the Town's Green Development Standards for residential and non-residential projects once the Tri-County Green Development Standards are released;

And That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to local and area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), to Wellington County and its member municipalities.