

MOTION



North Bay, ON February 9, 2021

Subject: Ontario Bill 197 - Landfills

Res. 2021-_____

Moved by Councillor: Bain

Seconded by Councillor: Mayne

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to ‘veto’ development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of North Bay calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, M.P.P. Victor Fedeli, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Ontario’s Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO)

Carried ☐

Carried as amended ☐

Lost ☐

Conflict_____

Endorsement of Chair_____

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor* _____)

Signature of Clerk_____