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May 28, 2019

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark,

Thank you for meeting with LUMCO Mayors in Guelph on Friday, May 24th, and for your government's deferral of funding cuts for public health, ambulance service, and daycare. I know I speak for all LUMCO Mayors when I say we very much appreciate that you are listening, and we look forward to working together with you to address the fiscal reality while protecting core municipal services.

As you heard verbally during the meeting and read in the statement we released afterward, LUMCO is concerned with the proposals in Bill 108. I am writing to provide you with a resolution on Bill 108 that LUMCO passed at our May 24th meeting:

WHEREAS LUMCO Mayors support the Province's stated goals of improving access to different types of housing, including more affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS LUMCO Mayors are concerned the proposed changes in Bill 108 will have significant impacts on our cities' finances, ability to secure parkland, capacity to provide community facilities, and ability to provide adequate public engagement opportunities on proposed developments;

THEREFORE be it resolved that LUMCO calls upon the provincial government to extend the June 1, 2019 deadline for comments on Bill 108 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario to September 30, 2019, to allow municipalities adequate time to comment on the proposed legislation; and,

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THAT the provincial government engage with Ontario's big cities on Bill 108, in order to meet the goals of housing choice and affordability, while respecting the role of municipal Councils in planning decisions and protecting the financial sustainability of cities.

LUMCO will also provide a written submission to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy for its consideration.

Once again, thank you again for taking the time to attend the LUMCO meeting, and for your candour and willingness to listen to our questions and concerns. I look forward to working with you further on Bill 108 and other issues.

Sincerely,



Cam Guthrie
Chair of LUMCO
Mayor, City of Guelph

cc: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Mike Schreiner, MPP Guelph