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Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Premier Ford and Ministers Flack and McCarthy:

On May 13th, 2025, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution, expressing opposition to aspects of Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025.

Resolution #7-9-2025

Moved by John Creelman, Seconded by Melinda Davie

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Mono supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but also believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections, compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes and finances;

AND WHEREAS, Bill 5 weakens safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reduces the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Mono:

- Opposes provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections and/or override municipal planning authority;*

- *And urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles, that uphold local planning tools along with recognizing that development must offset its cost lest this fall upon local taxpayers;*
- *And that this resolution be forwarded to:*
 - *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
 - *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
 - *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
 - *Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon*
 - *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
 - *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson, Clerk

Copy: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities