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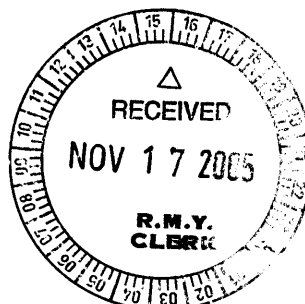
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November 10, 2005

Hon. John Gerretsen,
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
777 Bay St., 10th Floor
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Honourable Sir,



REGION OF YORK
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FILE No. - 904

→ chair
· CAO
· J. Hulton

Re: BILL 123, TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC MATTERS ACT, 2005

At its meeting of October 17, 2005 Council of the Township of King considered correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) asking municipalities to consider its position on Bill 123, the Transparency in Public Matters Act, a private member's bill currently before the Ontario Legislature.

The said correspondence was received and Council passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills is currently debating Private Members Bill 123 the *Transparency in Public Matters Act*; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation includes municipal council and communities; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation adds requirements to notice provisions, open meetings, minutes, forms of meetings, among other matters all of which are addressed in the *Municipal Act*, which would create confusion for council, administration and the public; and

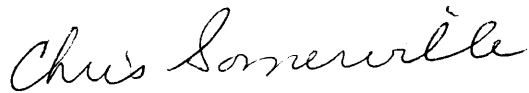
WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* is currently under review and is being informed by input from the municipal and private sectors among others; and

WHEREAS AMO and others have urged the Standing Committee to remove any reference to municipal councils or council committees from this legislation and allow transparency and accountability issues to continue to be regulated under the *Municipal Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Corporation of the Township of King urges the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against the Bill if the reference to 'municipal councils' is not deleted in the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee.
2. That Greg Sorbara, MPP and Julia Munro, MPP and all provincial members of the legislature be advised of the lack of this council's support for the inclusion of 'municipal councils' in Bill 123.

Yours truly,



Chris Somerville
Clerk

cc. Greg Sorbara, MPP, Vaughan/King/Aurora
Julia Munro, MPP, York-North
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York
Frank Nicholson, Manager, Legislative Services, Association of Municipal
Manager, Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of October 17th, 2005 was adopted by Council at its meeting of November 1st 2005.

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C.O.W. #2005-256

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)
RE: BILL 123, TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC MATTERS ACT, 2005

Committee considered correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated October 4, 2005 regarding Bill 123, Transparency in Public Matters Act, 2005.

Committee recommends that the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be received and the following resolution be adopted:

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CHRIS SOMERVILLE
CLERK