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Hon. Steve Clark
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Honourable Clark,

**RE: Township of King
Resolution – Greenbelt Area Boundary**

At its Council meeting of December 12, 2022, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Council of the Township of King (“King”) passed a resolution on November 7, 2022 supporting the location of the new Southlake Regional Hospital on specific lands identified as being subject to proposed changes to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation which was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario as number 019-6217 as the noted lands are considered to be an ideal candidate site for the new Southlake Regional Health Centre site and the noted lands satisfy our understanding of the locational criteria for the new Southlake Regional Health Centre site and the landowner is committed to providing the necessary lands for the Southlake Regional Health Centre site for a nominal fee;

WHEREAS King does not agree with changing the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation to enable building homes as York Region alone has over 50,000 housing units that are draft plan approved;

WHEREAS King has a goal to be a leader in environmental conservation and excel as stewards of Ontario’s landscape by preserving the integrity and ecological function of the Township’s natural assets, including the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Greenbelt to name only two;

WHEREAS the Natural Heritage System in the Greenbelt includes core areas and linkage areas of the Protected Countryside with the highest concentration of the most sensitive and/or significant natural features and functions;

WHEREAS King’s Official Plan details policies related to sustainable and healthy community design that provides choices and opportunities for all residents of all ages, by providing a diverse range of housing types, transportation modes, employment options, and recreation or leisure activities;

WHEREAS it is a policy of King’s Official Plan that 25% of new housing units are affordable;

WHEREAS it is a policy of King’s Official Plan to being a leader in green technologies, by considering innovative green energy technologies in new municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS the Province has introduced the More Homes Built Faster plan and there is the proposal to change the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation to enable building homes on lands previously protected from development;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is committed to making it easier to build community housing, sometimes referred to as social and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS The Region of York's Official Plan places a high priority on complete communities that support a full range of amenities and housing types for all ages and stages of life, different household formations and incomes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of King:

1. Requests that if the Province proceeds with its proposal to change the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, including the lands that are identified on Map 1 as part of ERO-019-6217 that:

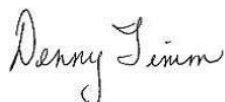
- i) development is restricted such that the lands identified as Natural Heritage System that contain Key Natural Heritage Features and Key Hydrological Features continue to be protected and that the Vegetation Protection zones (buffers) are consistent with the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan and the 'Our King' Official Plan;
- ii) the landowners work closely with the Township of King to ensure that all new development on the land located in the Township of King east of Dufferin Street, south of Miller's Sideroad and west of Bathurst Street are of the highest environmental standards as detailed in the 'Our King' Official Plan;
- iii) 25% of the housing units in the above land be dedicated to affordable and attainable housing; and
- iv) the landowners work closely with the Regional Municipality of York and the Township of King to build complete and sustainable communities.

2. Reaffirms that it does not support the proposed redesignation of a portion of the Oak Ridges Moraine to "Settlement Area" as is proposed on Map 1 as part of ERO-019-6217; and

3. Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing".

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



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Township Clerk

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