

RE: REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR REMOVAL OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES LISTED ON MUNICIPAL REGISTERS

Moved by Councillor Asselstine
Seconded by Councillor Schaefer

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the Council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, Township of King staff and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have been diligently working to review the municipal heritage register and the associated heritage value and interest of non-designated (listed) properties, encourage property owners of listed properties on the heritage register to consider designation of their properties, determine which properties may be candidates for individual designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and be prioritized for evaluation for designation, and develop a strategy for reviewing the remaining listed properties of heritage interest as part of potential Heritage Conservation Districts for designation under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving approximately 164 listed properties in the Township of King is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available; and

WHEREAS a "[Letter to Premier Ford on Listed Heritage Properties](#)" was issued by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) on February 8, 2024, asking that subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended in the spring session of the Legislature to extend the deadline in the Act for five (5) years, from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Council for the Township of King requests that subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and
- b) That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Hon. Stephen Lecce, MPP King-Vaughan, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, and all York Region local municipalities.