

Invite MPP Sam Oosterhoff to Attend Regional Council regarding Bill 23

WHEREAS we recognize the need to problem-solve and create immediate solutions regarding the affordability of homes in the Niagara Region; we also recognize the importance of continuing the work to protect our environment as noted in Niagara's Official Plan, approved by the Provincial Government and received November 4, 2022;

WHEREAS we require clarity on Bill 23 as it could be in contrast to our declaration of a climate emergency and our commitment to accelerate action on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions in Niagara (September 2021, Niagara Climate Change Action Summit); and

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority declared a Climate Change Emergency and Bill 23 has a profound and irreversible impact on our greenbelt, farmland, watershed and ecosystems that are vital to the wellness and prosperity of residents of the Niagara Region (June 2019).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to invite MPP Sam Oosterhoff to appear before Regional Council to speak to the legislative changes in Bill 23 and provide Regional Councillors the opportunity to ask questions of MPP Sam Oosterhoff regarding the contents of Bill 23.