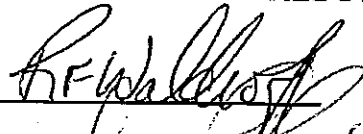
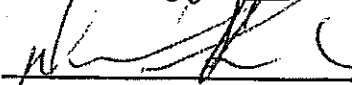


ITEMS OF INFORMATION
COUNCIL AGENDA – April 3, 2018

Communications

1. Resolution from the Township of South Stormont dated March 14, 2018 RE:
Proposed Ontario Legislation (Bill 139) – Grant Municipalities Additional
Authority and Autonomy to Make Decisions for their Communities

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TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT**RESOLUTION****MOVED BY****RESOLUTION NO**062/2018**SECONDED BY****DATE** March 14, 2018

Whereas municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

And whereas this outdated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignores them;

And whereas proposed Ontario legislation (Bill 139) will grant municipalities additional authority and autonomy to make decisions for their communities;

And whereas municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities and further that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for power generation facilities;

And whereas the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15% and unless significant efforts are made to increase recycling and diversion rates, a new home for this Toronto garbage will need to be found, as landfill space is filling up quickly;

And whereas municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites for future Toronto garbage by private landfill operators;

And whereas other communities should not be forced to take Toronto waste, as landfills can contaminate local watersheds, air quality, dramatically increase heavy truck traffic on community roads and reduce the quality of life for local residents;

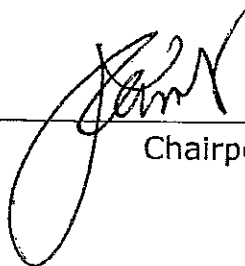
And whereas municipalities should be considered experts in waste management as they are responsible for this within their own communities and often have decades worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling and diversion programs;

And whereas municipalities should have the exclusive right to approve or reject these projects and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of South Stormont calls upon the Government of Ontario and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities prior to June, 2018; and that in the case of a two-tier municipality, the approval be required at both the upper tier and affected lower tier municipalities;

And further, that the Township of South Stormont encourage all other municipalities in Ontario to consider this motion calling for immediate provincial action.

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ DEFERRED



Chairperson

Recorded Vote:	
Councillor Primeau	_____
Councillor Smith	_____
Councillor Waldroff	_____
Deputy Mayor Hart	_____
Mayor Bancroft	_____