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# Haldimand County

## Report CLE-07-2025 Strong Mayor Powers and Duties

For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 20, 2025

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### Objective:

To provide a high-level overview of the Strong Mayor Powers in Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and associated Regulations.

### Recommendations:

1. THAT Report CLE-07-2025 Strong Mayor Powers and Duties be received.

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**Approved:** Cathy Case, Chief Administrative Officer

### Executive Summary:

Strong mayor powers and duties are set out in part VI.1 in the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the Act), and are connected to the Provincial Priorities outlined in Ontario Regulation 580/22 (O. Reg. 580/22). The guidelines provided in O. Reg. 580/22 state that the Provincial Priorities are building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031, and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including transit, roads, utilities, and servicing. Haldimand County's specific housing target connected with this regulation is to facilitate the construction of 4,200 new homes in the municipality by 2031.

### Background:

The Province of Ontario has enacted legislation that amended the Act to provide strong mayor powers and duties to the mayors of designated municipalities. Municipalities are designated upon pledging to meet housing targets provided by the province. On May 1, 2025, the Province announced that Haldimand County would receive Strong Mayor Powers as a result of the province receiving a commitment from the Mayor to a housing pledge as part of the province's goal to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.

### Analysis:

Haldimand County's external solicitor will accompany the Municipal Clerk for a presentation for Council's information that summarizes the provisions set out in the strong mayor powers and duties that have been implemented by the Province.

### Financial/Legal Implications:

Not applicable.

**Stakeholder Impacts:**

Not applicable.

**Report Impacts:**

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

**References:**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Strong Mayor Powers and Duties Presentation.
2. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Haldimand County dated April 9, 2025.
3. Letter from Mayor Bentley to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated April 23, 2025.
4. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Haldimand County dated May 1, 2025.