

Councillor Huffman – Notice of Motion: Bill 5

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5, 2025, *An Act to enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, to amend the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and to replace it with the Species Conservation Act, 2025, and to amend various Acts and revoke various regulations in relation to development and to procurement*; and

Whereas this legislation proposes significant changes to land use planning, environmental protection, reduce environmental safeguards, and alter procurement practices and accountability; and

Whereas Norfolk County values responsible development, local autonomy, and the protection of natural heritage features including endangered species;

Now therefore be it resolved that Norfolk County Council formally advise the Premier of Ontario that it does **not support** the passage of Bill 5, 2025 in its current form; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.