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Mayoral Decision

MD-2025-005

A decision to Veto a by-law passed by Council – By-law 2025-091, in part as it applies to Resolution C446-2025

Whereas the Mayor has the authority to make certain decisions under Part VI. 1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001 ("Act"); and

Whereas section 284.11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of a by-law could potentially interfere with a prescribed provincial priority, the head of council may veto the by-law; and

Whereas the Province has prescribed provincial priorities by making O. Reg. 580/22: Provincial Priorities pursuant to section 284.9 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Whereas the Mayor of the Township of Springwater deems it desirable to exercise decision-making power under the Act.

Now therefore the Mayor of the Township of Springwater hereby exercise the authority pursuant to subsection 284.11 (5) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to veto the following by-law passed by Council on November 5, 2025 as follows;

1. That By-law 2025-091, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Township of Springwater at its meeting held on November 5, 2025 be revoked, in part, as it applies to resolution C446-2025 to direct Loopstra Nixon LLP to commence legal proceedings (hereinafter referred to as the "**By-law**").
2. That all other aspects of By-law 2025-091 shall be deemed to have been approved in writing pursuant to subclause 284.11(4)(a)(i) of the Municipal Act, 2001 on November 5, 2025.

The reason for the veto are as follows:

I, Jennifer Coughlin Mayor of the Township of Springwater am of the opinion that the By-law could potentially interfere with the provincial priority set out in paragraph 1 of section 1 of O. Reg. 580/22 of "Building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031", and the provincial priority set out in paragraph 2 of O. Reg 580/22 Constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing.

In particular, Council's decision to challenge the use of Strong Mayors Powers and to obtain injunctive relief constitutes an interference with a prescribed

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provincial priority as it seeks to quash a decision that could potentially advance a provincial priority.

This mayoral decision shall come into effect this 7th day of November, 2025.

Original Signed By
Jennifer Coughlin,
Mayor

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