



June 11, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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**Sent Via Email**

Re: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

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Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 10, 2025,  
passed the following resolution:

**146/25**

Moved by: Councillor Burns  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

"That the correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago regarding Bill 5,  
Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 be supported."

**Carried.**

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above  
matter.

Yours Truly,

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Encl.

cc: (via email)

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
MPP Anthony Leardi  
MPP Andrew Dowie  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 15.7.  
**Resolution Number** 25-086  
**Title:** Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025  
**Date:** Friday, May 23, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Barton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Manners

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes significant changes to environmental legislation, including the replacement of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 with the significantly weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025, and would grant the Premier and Cabinet unprecedented powers to override provincial and municipal laws – including laws that protect public health, farmland, and the natural systems that safeguard communities from extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS** The Township of The Archipelago's strategic priorities include protecting and preserving our unique and high-quality natural environment, and delivering municipal services in a responsible, sustainable, cost-effective, and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS** The Township of The Archipelago supports the goals of responsible economic growth and increased housing supply; and

**WHEREAS** nature is not red tape – it is the economic driver of our region, and is central to Canadian culture, identity, and economy; protecting nature is essential for building resilient communities and upholding the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS** Bill 5 will undermine critical environmental, species, and heritage protection laws, introducing significant economic, environmental, social, and cultural uncertainty, endangering Ontario's 249 at-risk species, and potentially infringing on the legal and constitutional rights of the Ontario public – especially Indigenous communities that are disproportionately affected by such actions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby

opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous rights, or local planning authority, and urge the Province to withdraw the Bill; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Council urges the Province of Ontario to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect local planning regimes; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all Ontario municipalities; Chief Adam Pawis, all Township of The Archipelago Ratepayer Associations; and to other environmental organizations.

**Carried**