

REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

FROM: Legal Department

DATE: July 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Strong Mayor Powers and Duties

LOCATION: Town Wide

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the report from the Legal Department entitled Strong Mayor Powers and Duties dated July 4, 2023 and the presentation from the Town Solicitor, be received.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- On June 16, 2023, the Province announced that it is expanding strong mayor powers to the mayors of 26 large and fast-growing municipalities, including Oakville, that have committed to a housing pledge as part of the province's work to build 1.5 million homes by 2031
- Strong mayor powers for Toronto and Ottawa took effect in the Fall of 2022, and will be expanded to mayors in the 26 additional municipalities on July 1, 2023
- Strong mayor powers and duties are set out in a new Part VI.1 in the *Municipal Act, 2001*

BACKGROUND:

The Province has enacted legislation that amended the *Municipal Act, 2001* to provide strong mayor powers and duties to the mayors of designated municipalities. On June 16, 2023, the Province announced that effective July 1, 2023, it was expanding the list of municipalities, in addition to Toronto and Ottawa, to include the mayors of 26 large and fast-growing municipalities, including Oakville, that have

committed to a housing pledge as part of the province's goal to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Town Solicitor will provide a presentation for Council's information that summarizes the provisions setting out the strong mayor powers and duties that have been implemented by the Province.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

N/A

(B) FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications in receiving this report.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Staff continue to review the legislation and regulations and confer with other municipalities to determine best practices in ensuring that Town processes, by-laws, policies, and other governing documents are consistent with the legislation.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:
To be accountable.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

N/A

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