



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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### RE: Ontario's Bill 5 and its Impact on the Local Food System and the Environment

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a significant amount of farmland is already lost each year to development pressures; and

WHEREAS food systems depend on healthy ecosystems, which are already under significant threat in Ontario due to a host of human-caused threats to wildlife and habitat; and

WHEREAS Ontario Bill 5 significantly undermines ecological protections and local decision making, both of which are essential to local food systems and food security; and

WHEREAS the existing Provincial Planning Statement emphasizes the need for agricultural impact and environmental assessments; supports broad community consultation; and encourages municipalities to explore alternative areas before developing prime agricultural land; and

WHEREAS development of housing and important resources are possible without sacrificing the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democratic norms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Cobourg opposes Bill 5 in its current form, and calls upon the Government of Ontario to



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strive to uphold the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democracy in any future version of this bill; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to Premier Doug Ford and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. All Ontario Municipalities