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The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution regarding County Planning Services

At the regular meeting of Council held February 22, 2023, Council of the Township of Amaranth passed a motion as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Provincial of Ontario has a mandate to work across government to reduce red tape and regulations and policies that can be burdensome and inefficient and;

Whereas Bill 23 has removed the upper-tier planning function from a number of municipalities where there is already a lower-tier planning function and;

Whereas the Dufferin County and all lower-tier municipalities operated without a County planning function until this became a Provincial requirement in 2014 and;

Whereas the lower-tier Official Plan must be consistent with the upper-tier Official Plans, and;

That the Township of Amaranth request the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction remove the upper-tier planning function from Dufferin County. **CARRIED**

Council respectfully requests the Province of Ontario to remove the planning function from the upper-tier Dufferin County as it is a redundant service. Council further asked that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Dufferin County lower tier municipalities.

Respectfully,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk