



March 4, 2021

The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
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Re: Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO)

Council for the Town of Mono received a written report from our Director of Planning, at their February 09<sup>th</sup>, 2021 session, respecting Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO).

All of Town Council expressed concern about the frequency and context of many of the MZO's implemented between 2019 and 2020. Of particular concern was that many of these MZO's have allowed for various forms of development adjacent to, or within sensitive natural heritage features. Apparently, an MZO issued in April 2020 in Vaughan, to Conmar Developments, resulted in the loss of three small Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) according to a list of MZO's compiled by Mr. Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre.

Consequently, Town of Mono Council passed the following Resolution #5-3-2021:

Moved: Fred Nix  
Seconded By: Sharon Martin

*THAT Council receives the Director's Planning Report, regarding Minister's Zoning Orders, dated February 9, 2021,*

*AND THAT Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing requesting that no MZO's be applied in the Town of Mono unless supported by a Council resolution for any MZO under consideration, whether for privately or publicly owned lands.*

It is my sincere hope, that as Minister, you will afford the citizenry of Mono and its elected Town Council, the favour of respecting this Resolution. Mono Council and citizenry share a strong commitment to the long-term protection of its Greenlands and natural heritage assets, not just because of their unique juxtaposition within all three Provincial Greenbelt Plans, but also because they include key headwaters of four major watersheds. Protection of "headwaters" in Mono has been a longstanding tradition, stemming from the Headwaters I and II initiatives in the early 1990's. Not surprisingly, the term is now part of the broader regional land use planning and Provincial lexicon.

In summary, Minister Clark, I believe it is prudent to note that the integrity of the MZO legislative tool ought to reflect its wise and careful application, notwithstanding its inherent purpose, but more importantly, to do so while being mindful of the broad expectation by Ontario's citizens, to be able to

rely on the integrated policy framework of our Provincial Land Use Plans and local municipal plans.

Sincerely,



Laura Ryan  
Mayor

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