



The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

December 7, 2020

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

RE: Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020

At its meeting on November 25, 2020, Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs passed resolution number RES2020-356:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton
Seconded By: Councillor Grant Pringle

Whereas municipalities in Ontario are responsible for conducting fair and democratic elections of local representatives, and

Whereas the Province of Ontario, through Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020 is proposing changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to extend Nomination Day from the end of July to the second Friday in September, and

Whereas Bill 218 also proposes amendments to ranked ballot voting methods, and

Whereas the operation, finance and regulatory compliance of municipal elections are the sole responsibility of municipalities, and

Whereas local governments understand the needs of local voters, election officials and public officials, and

Whereas Bill 218 also proposes to eliminate ranked ballots

Now Therefore, the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs hereby opposes the proposed amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as included in Bill 218, and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Premier of Ontario, AMO, AMCTO and all Ontario Municipalities.



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Carried.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Drury".

Brittany Drury
Clerk

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