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**Town of Aurora**  
**Additional Items No. 2 to**  
**Council Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

- **Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas**  
**Re: Provincial Bill 66**

**Note:** According to the Procedure By-law, the consent of at least two-thirds majority of the Members present is required to permit the addition of Motion (a) to the agenda.



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<b>Motion</b>	<b>Mayor Tom Mrakas</b>
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**Date:** December 18, 2018

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Mayor Mrakas

**Re: Provincial Bill 66**

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Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt is a paramount concern for our residents; and

Whereas the continued legislative protection of our water – groundwater, surface water and waterways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community; and

Whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "open-for-business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes; and

Whereas an "Open for Business" By-law may be approved without public consultation; and

Whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora's Official Plan represents not only a significant investment of taxpayer resources but reflects our community's collective vision for current and future planning; and

Whereas our Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected; and

Whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;

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1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an “open for business” planning by-law; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes to the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speak to the creation of the open-for- business planning by-law; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, MPP Michael Parsa, MPP (Deputy Premier) Christine Elliott, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.