



## The Corporation of the Township of King Notice of Motion

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**Date of Meeting:** Monday, October 27, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor Schaefer

**Seconded by:** Councillor Anstey

**Subject:** **Member Motion by Councillor Schaefer Re Review of the Greenbelt**

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**Whereas** the Greenbelt Plan provides permanent protection for farmland and ecologically and hydrologically significant landscapes, working in tandem with Source Water Protection Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement to guide sustainable land use; and

**Whereas** more than 98 percent of King's land base lies within the Greenbelt, encompassing prime agricultural lands, the Oak Ridges Moraine, the headwaters of the Humber and Holland Rivers, and a portion of the Holland Marsh Specialty Crop Area that contributes significantly to Ontario's food security and agricultural economy; and

**Whereas** King Township's Our King Official Plan identifies that the municipality's goals and objectives are shaped by four (4 ) pillars, namely environmental, economic, socio-cultural and financial and it recognizes the environment and agriculture as foundational pillars of sustainability; and

**Whereas** the Greenbelt Plan is designed as an agricultural forward land use framework intended to permanently protect prime farmland, provide water security, reduce speculative pressure, and support Ontario's food security and rural economies; and

**Whereas** the Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires a review of the Greenbelt Plan at least every ten (10) years and the next mandatory review must begin in 2025, there is opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen protections for farmland, natural heritage, and hydrological systems; and

**Whereas** municipalities require clear, consistent, and enforceable tools to implement Provincial policy and protect the integrity of the Greenbelt from the cumulative pressures of growth, aggregate extraction, and climate-related risk;

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

1. Council supports the review of the Greenbelt Plan's existing boundaries and policies within and beyond King Township in order to strengthen the protections of the agricultural network that provides food security, the natural ecosystems that provide numerous ecosystem services and the hydrologic systems that provide safe drinking water while recognizing the need to achieve an appropriate balance of the four pillars of sustainability identified in the 'Our King' Official Plan (environmental, economic, socio-cultural and financial).

2. Council calls on the Province of Ontario to ensure that the upcoming 2025 Greenbelt Review is transparent, evidence-based, and subject to independent oversight to prevent the influence of political or private interests, with all technical mapping, criteria, and rationales released in advance of any proposed changes.
3. Council requests that the Province provide municipalities with the necessary legislative and regulatory tools to effectively implement Greenbelt policies, including but not limited to site plan control for residential development within the area of influence of key natural heritage and hydrological features.
4. Council calls on the Province of Ontario to collaborate with municipalities, Indigenous communities, the agricultural sectors, and other stakeholders to ensure that farmland protection, ecological integrity, and water security remain the central objectives of the Greenbelt.
5. Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stephen Lecce, MPP (King–Vaughan), Caroline Mulroney, MPP (York–Simcoe), York Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Edward McDonnell, CEO Greenbelt Foundation, and all local municipalities within York Region.