

SMALL URBAN GTHA MAYORS CALL ON PROVINCE TO PAUSE ON PROCEEDING WITH BILL 23, MORE HOMES BUILT FASTER ACT, 2022

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"The Small Urban GTHA Mayors held a meeting today to discuss the impacts of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. The Bill was introduced at the Legislature on October 25, 2022 in response to the current housing crisis that exists within the province of Ontario.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors agree that housing availability and affordability is a priority issue in each of their municipalities. Although we collectively agree with some aspects of the Bill, there are several unprecedented implications for small urban communities that need to be discussed. According to AMO the financial implication to Ontario's municipalities could be as much as \$5.1 billion over the next nine years.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors are therefore calling on the Province to pause on proceeding with the proposed Bill in its current state and instead take the time to engage in meaningful consultations with local municipalities to achieve its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs."

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