

The Honourable Sylvia Jones

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Your Honour,

I am reaching out for your help as our Member of Provincial Parliament and Deputy Premier with the illegal trucking issue we have been facing for many years. Caledon Council has advocated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Municipalities of Ontario and Standing Committee with no results.

As you are aware there has been a rise in trucking operations in recent years connected to the e-commerce boom which has driven up demand for warehouses and trucking, where Caledon's proximity to major transportation hubs like airports, rail terminals, and 400-series highways, has made it a focal point for logistics operations centres.

Unfortunately, this growth has been paired with a rise in illegal trucking operations as well.

At great cost, the Town has proactively enforced over 300 properties for illegal parking and storage of tractor trailers. Enforcement leverages the tools available in the *Provincial Offences Act*, *Municipal Act* and *Planning Act*, as well injunctions through the Superior Court.

For over a decade we've been exercising every tool we have. Despite our efforts, illegal truck depots are expanding with defiance, where many operators consider legal fees and municipal fines as a cost of doing business and are finding ways to circumvent violation notices by converting property ownership to delay prosecution.

Without provincial intervention, there is the risk that this issue will grow to an unmanageable state and continue to spread throughout the province.

We are calling on your assistance for the Province to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by amending the *Planning Act* and *Municipal Act* to:

- Increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals (\$50,000) and corporations (\$100,000 + \$50,000 for each day continued).
- Enable physically barring entry to properties.
- Grant municipalities the ability to include all charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions, court-imposed fines on the title of a property.

We are also asking for the extension of the 410 and 427 to alleviate traffic on our roads.

Your respectful consideration of these matters would be appreciated. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

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