

Supported by PCD68-16

At the October 7, 2015 Township of Puslinch Council Meeting, the following resolution was made and is being circulated to your Council for consideration and support.

WHEREAS Bill 100, Supporting the Ontario Trails Act has the following purposes:

- 1. To increase awareness about and encourage the use of trails.**
- 2. To enhance trails and the trail experience.**
- 3. To protect trails for today's generation and future generations.**
- 4. To recognize the contribution that trails make to quality of life in Ontario.**
- 5. To recognize the contribution of quality of place.**

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has had input into this Bill looking out for municipal interests

AND WHEREAS the Bill includes stronger penalties for property damage and trespassing to discourage such actions

AND WHEREAS the Bill will be asking for best practices to be created and will have participation in these practices be voluntary therefore not creating undue hardship on the municipality

AND WHEREAS this is complementary to recommendations contained in the Township of Puslinch Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports the overall direction Bill 100 Supporting the Ontario Trails Act

AND FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Puslinch encourages the government to continue to work with stakeholders such as ROMA and OFA to enhance the liability and trespass provisions of the Bill

AND FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Puslinch forward this resolution for consideration by all other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

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