

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN  
RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 12.a

NO: 2025-RCM - 62

DATE: May 20, 2025

MOVED BY: Rachelle Poirier

SECONDED BY: Laura Schell

**Whereas** on April 9, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the “Province”), led by Premier Doug Ford, announced a proposal to expand by “Strong Mayor Powers” as provided for by Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities, effective May 1, 2025;

**And whereas** Strong Mayor Powers erode the democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance, which has existed for almost two centuries, by:

- providing the head of council with the authority to unilaterally give direction and make certain decisions without a consensus from a majority of the members of council; and,
- creating a power imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have.

**And whereas** the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities and downloading its responsibilities to the same.

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

- The Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren (“Council”) **opposes** the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025;
- That Council **directs** the CAO/Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; All Local MPPs; AMCTO, AMO and All Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**



MAYOR

**DIVISION VOTE**

	YEA	NAY		Disclosure on interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Laura Schell				
Ross Evans				
Francine Bérubé				